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Blair goes presidential

A tough and centralised regime is announced by staff at Number 10

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

The firm smack of presidential-style government was unveiled yester-day, as Tony Blair's senior staff made it clear that Number Ten is to control Whitehall departments in a much more direct and personal way than ever before.

Jonathan Powell, Mr Blair's chiefof-staff, has toldl departments that all policy pronouncements must be co-ordinated from Downing Street. and Alastair Campbell, the new press secretary, has informed all deartmental press chiefs that media bids for interviews with their minis-

ters must be cleared first with him. This follows the appointment of Peter Mandelson as a minister without portfolio to keep a close eye on other ministers on Mr Blair's behalf. The Prime Minister has also appointed Sally Morgan as his political secretary, and it will be her job to make sure that the party "march-

es in step" with the Government She will work closely with Nick Brown, the new Chief Whip, to ensure that MPs toe the party line backed up by the party's new, disci-plinarian code of conduct. Ms Morgan, 37, was one of the party officers who helped Neil Kinnock purge the Thorskyist Militant Tendency from the

party in the 1980s.
One Downing Street source said last night that Mr Blair was particularly keen to ensure that the Government harnessed the energy and enthusiasm of the new Parliamentary Labour Party - which is so big that there is no Commons room large enough to hold its weekly meetings.

Mr Blair will not allow the party to become the master of the Government, as happened to John Major. He wanted none of the free-for-all, roller-coasting that had so that all its various arms and de-



taken place under the Conservatives. One well-informed observer said last night that while many prime ministers had wanted to hold the central reins of power, a presidential system was difficult to maintain in Britain because of the weight and authority of the departments of state.

However, he added: "All the signs suggest that if what Mr Blair is planning works, then he could make Lloyd George and Margaret Thatcher look like two of nature's natural co-operators."

Mr Mandelson said on Sunday: "I think what he will want to do is to create a strong centre in government,

their own direction.

The Labour government yesterday sought to secure a role at the heart of Europe by confirming it would sign the Social Chapter and make a "fresh start" in relations with its partners, writes Sarah Helm in Brussels.

We want to work with you as colleagues in a shared

enterprise. Not using the language of opponents," said Dong Henderson, the new minister for Europe, who

yesterday took over the British reins in talks on European Union reform.

Mr Henderson also confirmed that the Government

Prime Minister's post held by His job, officially designated Min- Michael Heseltine in the last gov-

We're friends and we want a fresh start, Henderson tells EU partners

partments have a very clear sense of modelled closely on the Deputy clout. Mr Mandelson will help with the "strategic implementation of our policies"; he will "make sure that ister without Portfolio, appears to be ernment - but without the Cabinet our programme is kept on track", and

would accept an employment chapter in the new Am-

sterdam treaty, and would be ready to make compro-mises on extension of qualified majority voting in order

to sign a deal at Amsterdam in June. Britain's partners welcomed the shift to the Euro-

pean "mainstream". However, signs that Labour is likely to run into clashes with Tory Euro-sceptics emerged

as the European Commission detailed plans for more legislation under the Social Chapter and questioned

the government's powers to reduce VAT on fuel.

also "ensure that [the] government's policies are effectively presented to the public and to the party."

One constitutional expert said last night that he understood why Mr Blair was attempting to create a "command model" of government - "It is all too understandable; a bit like lottery winners bingeing their money."

But he feared that it would end in tears. He said that people who tried to impose an iron hand, and failed, were all-too-often depicted as "losing their grip."

Some Labour MPs were also con-

trasting the centralisation of command and control within the Tony Blair and his presidential-style team: political secretary Sally Morgan, Peter Mandelson (centre), and press secretary Alastair Campbell

Photomontage: Jonathan Anstee

commitment to greater decentrali-sation and devolution of government in their election manifesto.

But Mr Blair was said last night to be enjoying his first few days of office immensely - and, with a massive Commons majority, a broadly supportive press, and firm City markets, he has much to celebrate on his 44th birthday today

Yesterday, he completed another round of ministerial appointments. moving a number of supporters into strategic positions throughout Whitehall. While some Blairites moved directly into the minister of state posts they had previously shadowed - Alun Michael to the Home Office; Tessa Jowell to Health; John Reid over to Defence - others were switched, including Stephen Byers, to take on schools at Education, and Alan Milburn, who jumped from Treasury to Health.

But Mr Blair added a dash of zest and inspiration to an otherwise worthy list of appointments last night, with the announcement that Tony Banks, backbench live wire and parliamentary wit, had been made Minister for Sport.

He had been cooking pasta when

the phone call from Downing Street came. "I was completely gobsmacked. I didn't expect anything, certainly not this," he said.

"Having thought about it, I said yes. I wasn't one of those spending any time by the telephone and therefore I was completely surprised."

■ The Conservative Party last night announced that Michael Heseltine was leaving Horton General Hospital in Banbury to travel to London's Harley Street Clinic, where he will undergo an angiogram. "The doctors are delighted with Mr Heseltine's progress and expect him to be home by the end of the week," a party Government and party with Labour's spokesman said.

DAVID HELFGOTT

The era of the council house may return under Prescott

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

The council house could enjoy a return to favour under John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, who is seeking support from Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, for an ambitious plan to build more council houses with private-sector money.

There were estimates yesterday from the housing industry that giving councils the free-dom to borrow money from building societies and banks could provide enough cash from the private sector to build 100,000 council houses a year. 30,000 council houses a year. major speech today, in a speech
Mr. Blair promised would be a homes a year with 30,000 ren-

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responsibility by Tony Blair for local authorities as part of his "super ministry" for the Environment and Transport, wants to give the councils the same freedom as housing associations to borrow money from private firms using housing stock and rent flows as assets. He is also keen to boost public-private investment in the London

Underground. The Deputy Prime Minister will seek to damp down unrealistic expectations in his first ference in Jersey, but he is keen to show that a Blair government can make a difference in Britain, by investing more in decaying public services, and creating

jobs, without increasing taxes. Treasury civil servants may object to the plan on the grounds that it would add to the public sector borrowing requirement. But Mr Brown is sympathetic to the need for more public and private partnerships, and hous-ing professionals are keen to give it their backing. It is part of a clear effort to establish a closer relationship between the Deputy Prime Minister and the

"radical" government. Chris Holmes, the director of

the housing charity Shelter, said yesterday: "The two forms of social housing are similar and it is total anomaly that local au-thorities are restricted by pub-lic sector expenditure regulations from borrowing while housing associations who

are heavily reliant on the public grants are free do so,"

Labour is committed to the controlled release of some of the estimated £5-7bn receipts from council house sales to build more council houses, but that would provide enough to

mons select committee last year pointed to the need to build 100,000 a year to meet the need for social housing.

Shelter estimates that there is a backlog of housing repairs costing £20bn that needs to be tackled. The Prescott plan could help to revive council housing to level that last existed under Labour in the 1970s. It dwindled to about 1,000

council house starts last year after the Tories switched the funding to housing associa-tions. The associations have raised around £10bn from the private sector for social housing to rent.

QUICKLY

Childbirth rebellion Rebel members of the Nation-

al Childbirth Trust are threatening a mass breakaway from the 40-year-old charity. The dispute has been rumbling for months after shocked members discovered that the trustees had, without consultation, accepted conference sponsorship from the supermarket chain Sainsbury's, which sells an own-brand milk substitute. Page 4

Search for boys

A large search involving police coastguards and civilians was under way last night for two boys who went missing in marshes on the Lincolnshire coast. The body of their friend, Christopher Scott, aged 11, who was with them when they left for a bicycle ride on Sunday, was found on the marshes near Mablethorpe yesterday morning.

Kinshasa warned

Zairean rebel radio warned citizens of Kinshasa to stay away from "strategic areas", saying the first attack on the capital could come at any time. The warnings follow the inconclusive results of this weekend's peace talks in Congo.

Gold rush over

The Canadian firm Bre-X Minerals that lured investors by boasting the gold find of the century was headed for oblivion vesterday after experts exposed the claim as one of the world's biggest mining scams. An independent consultant company said the supposed gold find in Busang, Borneo was too paltry

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Is Ben Needham alive and in Germany?



Kathy Marks

It is six years since 21-monthold Ben Needham vanished on the Greek island of Kos, but his family have never given up hope of finding him and pursue each new lead with undiminished energy

The latest suggestion is that Ben is in Germany. The Foreign Office said it had passed "certain information" to the German authorities and was keeping in close touch with

The source of the fresh information is a Greek citizen serving a prison sentence for armed robbery. He contacted Ben's grandparents, Eddie and Christine Needham, after seeing an appeal by them on Greek television. The man told

gang, taken to northern Greece and then on to Germany. Ben's relatives said yesterday that they were trying not to be too optimistic. "We have had

passed on to the German police about a Greek couple living in Germany who know where Ben is." Mrs Needham said at her home in Sheffield.

"We are now waiting for the German authorities to interview that couple. According to our informant, the couple know the Needhams that the boy had been abducted by a gypsy where Ben is and who he is with." The prisoner claims to be related to the couple, one of whom is said to be a waiter in a Greek restaurant. The names and locations have not been dis-

reports, German police have mounted a surveillance operation on the restaurant and are preparing to move in. The British authorities are taking the latest information

seriously but are anxious not to overplay it. There have been more than 200 reported sightings of Ben since he disappeared in July 1991 – all false. Mrs Needham said yesterday: We don't want to raise our

hopes too high. There is always the possibility our informant was

information which has been closed, but according to some lying, for whatever reason." Shares20 Home News2-10 NETWORK + TABLOID Comment 15-17 Leading article15 Classified10-15

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Eleven protesters arrested after factory break-in

Eleven people were being questioned by police yesterday after protesters opposed to the export of armoured vehicles to Indonesia breached security at a factory which manufactures them.

Six men and three women were detained when police were called Six men and three women were detained when police were called to the Glover Webb factory at Hamble, near Southampton, in the early hours of the morning. Later another man and woman, found within the perimeter of the factory, were also arrested. A spokesman for the company, part of the GKN group, said: "They daubed some slogans, all of which have now been washed off."

The spokesman added that the company was not directly involved in the arms trade, but built light armoured vehicles, some of which had been supplied to Indonesia after a government export licence had been obtained.

licence had been obtained.

Among the protesters detained was said to be Angle Zelter – one of four women acquitted at Liverpool Crown Court last year of causing millions of pounds worth of damage to a BAe Hawk jet. In an earlier statement, Ms Zelter claimed that the Indonesian police and army were likely to use the armoured vehicles for "gross human rights abuses".

Urgent talks over ICI chemical leaks

Environment Agency officials are seeking urgent talks with the senior management of ICI over chemical leaks, the agency announced yesterday.

The move follows separate chemical leaks within hours of each other at two ICI plants. In the first incident roads were closed and residents told to stay indoors when highly inflammable naptha gas escaped from the Seal Sands site, at Seaton Carew, Cleveland, at 4am on Sunday. Three-and-a-half hours later there was a spill involving the dry-cleaning chemical trichloroethylene at the ICI plant

in Runcorn, in Cheshire. The chemical spilled into a nearby canal. Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident, thousands of fish died in a stretch of the Medway Estuary between New Hythe and Wouldham in Kent on Sunday, after a river was polluted by a mystery substance, the Environment Agency said yesterday. "We are treating this as a Category One incident – the most serious," an agency spokesman said.

Europe backs lung cancer fund



boost to the Roy Castle Foundation to support its battle to stop young people smoking.

The grant, from the EU's public-health directorate, will provide 80 per cent of the funding for a smokingprevention project in primary schools in the UK. France and Portugal. Roy Castle (left), the entertainer and broadcaster. died in 1994, aged 62, after a two-and-a-half-year fight against the disease; his foundation is the only UK charity dedicated solely to defeating lung cancer.

Fertility treatment under threat

The Birmingham Health Authority is proposing to stop assisted-conception treatment on the NHS unless there are exceptional medical or social circumstances, in a bid to reduce spending.

The plan, which would mean that most childless couples in the area would have to seek help from private organisations, has the backing of local public opinion which, according to a recent survey, sees fertility treatment as expensive and low priority. Dr Jacky Chambers, Director of Public Health, will present a paper to the Birmingham Health Authority this week, recommending that the authority backs the recent survey which concluded that routine NHS funding of fertility treatment should cease. Most people interviewed for the survey said cancer treatment should be well-funded, and saw assisted-conception services as the having the lowest priority.

Dutch brothers missing in London

Police are concerned for the safety of two Dutch boys who disappeared early yesterday while holidaying with their parents in

The brothers, aged 12 and 15, were last seen at 2am when they changed money at the Dolphin Hotel, Pimlico, central London, where the family had been staying. The eldest brother, Mario Jansen, has collar-length, slicked back brown hair and brown eyes and is 5ft 8in tall. He was wearing metal-rimmed glasses, a red and grey striped sweater, a grey and green leather jacket, black jeans and brown shoes. The younger brother, Cornelius, also known as Kenny, has brown collar-length hair and brown eyes and is 5ft 6in tall. He was wearing a white T-shirt, black jeans, black and white trainers and a black plastic jacket.

Shining a light on mobile phones

The ultimate Irish folly – a lighthouse built 30 miles inland more than 200 years ago – has been restored to boost reception for mobile telephones.

The 100ft folly, known as the Tower of Lloyd, stands near the town of Kells, County Meath, where it was built by the Marquess of Headfort in 1791. It has been rented by the local council to Esat Digifone, a recently-established telecommunications company, for use as a base station – and the income has permitted a children's playground to be built at its base.

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Paul McCartney: His career has broken yet another record (Photograph: Linda McCartney)

Sir Paul goes on-line for the biggest interview of his life

ir Paul McCartney famously sang "Lend me an ear and I'll sing you a song". Later this month he intends to update the means of

communication.

In what organisers believe may be the biggest question-and-answer session on the Internet, the recently-knighted former Beatle will face 1 million questions, put to him by fans using the electroncommunication.

If Sir Paul - whose new album, Flaming Pie, was released yesterday, spent one minute answering each of the 1 million questions lodged so far, he would have to talk non-stop for one year and 11

Instead, he will attempt to get through as many as possible in 90 minutes, in an event at the Bishopsgate Memorial Hall in the City of London

McCartney fans without Internet access will be able to watch him on the satellite television channel VH1, which will be screening the session live from 6pm GMT in Britain, Germany and the US. Sir Paul said: "It's an awful lot to ask of any-

one. I don't think we'll get through all the ques tions – but we'll give it a go."

His publicist, Geoff Baker, said it was amazing

the response had been so big. "We are trying to get an entry in the Guinness Book of Records. It could be for the most questions asked on the Internet "I don't know if they have a category of the most

interviewed man on the planet." Mr Baker said it was impossible to guess how many questions there would be by the day of the event: "The sky's the limit."

Anyone wishing to put a question can send it to http://www.vh1.com or AOL Keyword VH1, the Flaming Pie site at http://flamingpie.com.

The new album features a photograph of Sir Paul (above), taken by his wife, Linda, who has been fighting cancer. It includes songs to her and tells of his happiness at how successful her recovery

The album is Sir Paul's first since 1993. Linda: and the Beatles' drummer, Ringo Starr, are fea-tured. Louise Jury

Indian chief's body to find final rest

The remains of an American Native Indian chief who died in Britain while taking part in the European tour of the legendary "Wild West Show" run by Buffalo Bill Cody (right) are to be exhumed and returned to his tribal home-

land, it was reported yesterday. Chief Long Wolf, of the Sioux tribe, in South Dakota, died and was buried in Brompton Cemetery, London, on 13 June, 1892, after contracting bronchial pneumonia.

He was 59. His grave was forgotten until it was "discovered" by Elizabeth Knight, 56, who lives in Broms-

grove. Worcestershire. She read about Long Wolf in an old book, traced his family in America and helped them campaign for his remains to be re-

turned. John Black Feather, 60, who is Long Wolf's great great grandson applied to the American authorities for permission for the repatria-

Permission was granted, and it is thought likely that the British authorities will act accordingly, although the Church will have to give its approval.

It is understood plots have already been set aside for long



Wolf at the Wolf Creek Community Cemetery, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, home of the Sioux

Also to be returned are the remains of a 17-month old Indian girl -- Star Ghost Dog - who appeared with her parents in Buffalo Bill's show. She was buried with the chief when she died after being dropped from her mother's arms when she was on horseback A separate plot has been reserved at the nearby Wounded Knee

Earring handicaps golfing doctor

A doctor has been expelled by his golf club in a row over a silver earring. Dr Stephen Glascoe, 46, yesterday said he was baffled by the expulsion, claiming he had worn an earning for more than 20 years without anyone objecting.

Officials of The Ridgeway Golf Course, near Caerphilly, South Wales, told him his earring was judged unacceptable by fellow golfers on the nine-hole course.

"I was told that I would have to remove my earring if I wanted to continue as a member there," said the doctor, who plays off an 18 handicap. "I cannot understand why I am being banned now, because I had even played some competitions at The Ridgeway without anyone mentioning it. My earring has never been a problem at other courses I've also played in South Wales. I've worn an earring since I started work in 1976.

"When Tiger Woods won the US Masters recently, a lot of people hoped it would help end the image of golf as a sport riven with snobbery and prejudice. This shows there's still a long way to go".

Larry Bayrnton, club captain at the Ridgeway, said Dr Glascoe had been the only member to refuse to abide by the club's dress code. Female golfers were not affected because earnings were considered "a natural dress code for women".

National Trust blamed for 'soulless' stateley homes

The National Trust has turned the nation's stately homes into soulless time capsules deadened by hidebound tradition, a soulless time capsules deadened by hidebound tradition, a magazine claims today. Harpers & Queen said critics had accused the trust, which looks after many stately homes, landscapes and monuments, of being too bureaucratic and unfriendly, and said it was not making as much money as it should, because it was a stickler for tradition and authenticism for creating time capsules.

The trust "has come under criticism for creating time capsules" rether than comparing the criticism for creating time capsules.

rather than capturing the spirit of a place, and has evolved a rigid practice of mothballing houses during the winter", the magazine says in its June edition.

Meanwhile, privately owned country homes could "evolve and

change at the owners discretion".

The stately home at Ragley, Warwickshire, owned by Lord Yarmouth, made a £412,219 profit in 1994 to 1995, compared with a trust property at Kingston Lacy, Dorset, which made £79,375, the

The trust maintains its properties as historic monuments, often to a particular period, which can be extremely expensive," it said.

Another problem was that only 15 per cent of the trust's houses were lived in, and that the tenants had "little or no control over what the Trust chooses to do to the house".

For instance, Sir Edmund Fairfax-Lucy cannot light a fire in his sitting room at Charlecote (below), without the trust's permission, while the Earl of Belmore had to fight the trust to prevent it painting the drawing room at Castle Coole in Northern Ireland

germolene pink". A National Trust spokeswoman said: "The trust was set up to preserve places of historic and natural beauty for the nation for ever. We try to keep the look of the home and contents, or of an earlier period. The trust is not there to make profit, but it is important that the house and estate is there for people to see."



IMMIGRATION

Refugees not looking for easy life

The number of refugees allowed to stay in Britain is widely overestimated, but relatively few people believe that they come to these shores in search of an easier life, according to a new survey. The MORI research, commissioned by Oxfam and the Refugee Council, found that 55 per cent of those questioned identified persecution, torture and escaping from the authorities as likely

asons for a refugee's flight. Fewer than one in four of the nearly 2,000 people polled across

Britain thought that refugees came here to escape poverty in their

homelands.
The survey are published today as the Refugee Council launches a report, Credit to the Nation, highlighting the economic and cultural contribution of refugees to Britain.

Council chief executive Nick Hardwick said: "The MORI survey shows many people realise refugees are coming here to seek safety from persecution and not for economic reasons.

"It is wrong to portray refugees as scroungers seeking a better life - in fact they have enriched our country both economically and culturally over the centuries."

HEALTH

Drink problem worse among young

Young people in Scotland are now consuming greater quantities of: alcohol at any one time, according to a new report. "This is a worrying trend and leads to a much greater incidence of drunkenness, with a consequent increase in violence and criminality," it says.

The report, by the Church of Scotland's Board of Social Responsibility, refers to a study by the Centre for Drug Misuse at Glasgow University, which found that more than half of 14-year-

olds had been drunk on at least one occasion. "It would appear that strong drink is being marketed and... targeted at young people to develop in them the habit of rising 🛊 🕴

alcohol, and that is cynical exploitation," says the boards: This month's General Assembly of the Kirk will be asked to condemn the development of "alcopops" - sweetened alcoholic





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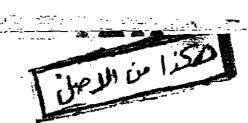
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For six weeks we have seen the front of Tony Blair: yesterday we saw the back, all the intricate workings and support struc-

The Prime Minister left his Islington house at 9am, with Alastair Campbell, his press secretary, carrying his red box.

Mr Blair was dressed for the office, in contrast to Sunday's denim shirt and chinos. While he worked in Downing Street, stamping his authority on his new government with a distinctly presidential style, his wardrobe followed him and in doing so, the more human face of the new occupants of Downing Street came into public view. Only there was no

From electric guitars to trainers, a new style is set wardrobe, and the clothes had not been packed into the plas-not been packed into the plastic crates, so they were carried into the back of a Ford Transit in full view of the watching things they would need in press and television cameras. Downing Street. A brass bed. press and television cameras.

There they were: all the ties seen on television, on a rack. fier. And the children's toys. During the campaign he had brushed aside questions about the Tory colour of his tie with a if they came out of a drawer.

house. The drapes and table dren in first.

pine norm - stay where they are. An electric guitar. The ampli-

Yes, the election has changed everything. On Friday, we saw Kathryn, 9. in a baseball cap on "you know, first thing out of the the steps of 10 Downing Street drawer", but it did not look as after the whole family arrived to a tumultuous, but in some ways It was not a full move, because very personal welcome at their they are keeping the Islington new home. And he sent the chil- carried from the house and chequer's office and next door would be much interest in the

use wire coathangers too. Euan, Nicholas and Kathryn. Kathryn and Nicholas, 11,

their own possessions to the van. Jackets with four cuff buttons.

necked shirt with his children in Cherie herself, wearing a blue Yesterday, they just took the a Galaxy people-carrier. Yes-anorak, jeans and trainers fol-things they would need in terday, the First Family turned lowed the van to Downing Street its house inside out - and they in a maroon Montego with

> Euan, 13, was wearing perhelped with the move, carrying sonal stereo headphones as the car pulled up at their destina-Meanwhile the removal men tion. They went in the front door were bringing out more suits, of No 10, while the van unloaded more crates, and more suits. around the side of No 11, where the Blairs will actually live -A collapsible metal clothes-rail, above the Chancellor of the Ex-

The van was too small, and had to go back for a second load after lunch. As it set off, Mr Campbell issued the text of letter to media editors calling on them to allow the Blair children to be "left to live as nor-

mal a life as possible" once they

had finished moving into their

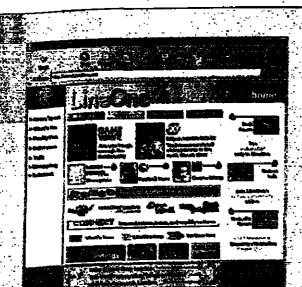
new home. A letter to editors said Mr and Mrs Blair had wanted to share the celebration in Downing Street on Friday with their children, and accepted that there family's domestic arrangements,

but they "are particularly concerned that they should not be troubled at school, or travelling to school".

In the second vanload, there were two large hat boxes - one from Harrods and the other from John Lewis. More clothes, mainly casual jackets and shirts. Cricket gear belonging to one of the boys. Cherie briefly appeared at the doorway in Islington with a pile of cricket stumps in her arms.

To confirm what Mr Blair has said about his children caring more about football than about politics, one removal man carried a bundled duvet bearing the badges of Manchester United.

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NCT in crisis over Sainsbury sponsorship

Louise Jury

It was the driving force behind the transformation of modern childbirth - deep-breathing exercises and breast-feeding instead of epidurals and infant

But the National Childbirth Trust is now finding its high principles and liberal values questioned by rebel members who are threatening a mass breakaway from the 40-year-old char- 3 July. ity. The dispute has been rumbling for months after shocked members discovered the trustees had, without consultation, accepted conference sponsorship from Sainsbury's, which sells an own-brand milk substitute.

They believe this contravenes the NCT's commitment

to breast-feeding. The anger was compounded by increases in subscription rates, from £12 to £36 for new members and £1 to £5 for the unwaged, which they fear will reinforce its image as

a well-off middle-class club. Now the rift is to be aired in public after the rebels submitted special resolutions and forced an extraordinary general meeting (EGM).

It is to be held in London on

The opponents of the sponsorship deal say the trust, a network of classes and support groups, should not take money from companies which produce or sell breast-milk substitutes. They want this principle con-

firmed at the EGM and have set up a fund, the EGM Information Trust, to help publicise

their concerns. If they fail, they may form a new charity.

Sheila Kitzinger, the childbirth guru and a former NCT adviser, said yesterday that that would be sad.

"If the NCT cracked up, there's no other organisation that could take its place." The rebels claim the risk is

A survey by two trust tutors found up to three-quarters of breast-feeding counsellors who represent the NCT on outside bodies felt compromised by the Sainsbury's deal.

They believed it breaches World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines.

Up to half the counsellors and tutors said they would resign if the issue was not resolved. The row is also causing anx-



iety in the branches. One went Uckfield branch, in Sussex, said two neighbouring branches had independent in January and others are reportedly in diffi-

Ros Barber, chair of the

folded into theirs. Committee members were so disillusioned they did not want

Photograph: Alan Richardson/DPA

to do the work. "I don't think you can make a big decision... without consulting the members," she said.

"I passionately support what the NCT does but if they don't sort it out, I'm out."

Mary Broadfoot, a breastfeeding tutor who trains the voluntary counsellors, said it would be difficult to attract coursellors back if they left.

"We will have parents looking for this service and it just won't be there."

She said accepting sponsor-ship from Sainsbury's could be seen as endorsing its own-brand infant formula. "They have a stake in breast-feeding failure."

Kim Margey, chair of the Glasgow branch, lamented the lack of consultation and the loss

be extremely upset if I left, but the principles have got to be stood by." Mary Barnard, the NCT chair, said they regretted the meeting had been called -at a possible cost of up to

£40,000 - instead of trying to resolve the matters through the consultation procedure the trust has set up.
"We would have preferred to

let the consultation take its course," she said. They had believed the Sainsbury's deal was acceptable under WHO

She added that membership had not been increased for sev-eral years, and the trustees had to balance the £3.5m a year budget. "It would be sad if the breast-feeding counsellors left,

"Independent advice is one but this is not a single-issue of the things we value. I would body. We want to be able to of body. We want to be able to offer a range of services to a huge range of people." A Samsbury's spokeswoman said they did not promote infant formula, even though they stocked it.

Mrs Kitzinger said she op-posed sponsorship from manufacturers, but supermarkets stocked a range of products and there seemed room for debate.

The essential point was there should be democratic consultation. "It does seem to me that they have neglected to develop ways of communicating between members.

"There's always been conflict bubbling in the NCT in some ways, it's the sign of a healthy organisation. But if you have too many bubbles you run into trouble. You may explode."

The strange spring continues, with rain back and even snow, as skin cancer fears provoke a price war

Icy interlude puts paid to spring frolics

Last Friday was the hottest day of the year, with temperatures up to 26C. This morning, a dusting of snow is expected in central and southern England. Such are the vagaries of springtime in Britain.

The culprit is a cold front that moved in from the Arctic yesterday, sweeping away the warm weather in which the country had basked for several days. Strong winds and heavy rain made it one of the worst May Bank Holidays on record.

As the rain moved south, snow was forecast to fall overnight, settling on high ground in the Cotswolds, Chilterns and South Downs. The Peak District and Welsh mountains were also expected to get a couple of inches. It was predicted to melt by midday as temperatures rose.

Snowflakes were expected even in central London, although they were unlikely to settle. If the forecasters are proved right, it will be only the fourth time this century that snow has fallen on the capital in May. The previous occasions were in

1963, 1955 and 1917. northern England and Wales, with heavy rain and temperatures well below seasonal norms. Manchester was only 7C in mid-afternoon, compared to a usual average of 14C. Scotland had showers and strong

AA Roadwatch appealed to drivers returning home last night after the Bank Holidav

weekend to exercise caution as conditions on the roads deteri-

orated. Rain and strong crosswinds made driving particularly haz-ardous in Yorkshire and Gwynedd.

One benefit of the weather was that the roads were not expected to be particularly congested, with many people having chosen to spend their day

For those who ventured further afield, the latest action by striking French lorry drivers spelt possible disruption to cross-Channel ferry services. The drivers set up rolling "escargot" blockades, slowing traffic to a snail's pace on roads around Boulogne, Dunkirk and

They allowed tourist traffic through in one lane, but blocked lorries and other commercial vehicles. The AA said it was difficult

to give advice to British motorists, since the blockades were often lifted after a few hours and set up again elsewhere. The ferry companies were hopeful that ports would not be

affected. The day of action by local fac-Yesterday was miserable in tions within the lorry drivers' unions coincided with a national strike by French bus drivers.

Today is expected to be cold in most parts of the country, with northerly winds, wintery showers and some hail or sleet. In central London, rain will be mixed with the odd snowflake. Ground frosts this morning could kill off tender young



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price war

Co-op starts

sun-cream

Supermarkets could be on the brink of a sun lotion price war after the Co-op announced it was almost halving its prices of the leading brands to help reduce the incidence of skin

The move follows research by the Co-op, which found that three people in four still do not realise sunshine can cause skin cancer, and one in three are unaware that sun lotions can reduce that risk.

Cost is also thought to deter people from using sun-creams, some of which sell for twice the price of champagne when measured by volume.

The Co-op, Britain's biggest retailer, will sell some leading brands at cost price throughout the summer. Typically, a 200ml bottle of Ambre Solaire's Factor 15 High Protection Milk will be reduced from the recommended retail price of £9.29 to £5.43, and a similar-sized bottle of factor 25 Piz Buin Lotion will £5.97.

A Co-op spokesman, Ged Carter, said Britons were still failing to get the message that sunbathing was dangerous and should only be done with the protection of a good sun-cream.

The survey of 2,001 adults commissioned by the Co-op found that Britons each waste an average of one day on holiday each year because of

"It's unfortunate that the burning ambition most Britons display on holiday costs them both pain and money in wasted holiday time," said Mr Carter.

Worse still is ignorance about the fact that sun rays on skin cancer can cause health problems in the long term.

The move has prompted at least two rival supermarket chains, which sell the lotions at or around the recommended retail price, to warn they could consider cutting their own

Tesco's corporate affairs manager Martin Venning said: "Clearly we will monitor the situation and may make a decision in the future.

He added that Tesco marketed its own brand of lotions called Sun Essentials, which were substantially cheaper than designer brands, costing £4.99 for 200ml bottles.

A Boots spokesman warned: "We would obviously consider the marketplace when setting

However, Asda stressed it would not be cutting its prices, pointing out that it already offered its own brand Sun System lotions at £4.99 for a 200ml

Asda spokeswoman Charlie Hobson said: "Our customers already have a choice. They can buy Ambre Solaire or they can buy our own brand which has all the same features and is cheaper.

Boys feared dead after body is found

Matthew Brace A large search involving police, coastguards and civilians was under way last night for two

The body of their friend, Christopher Scott, aged 11, who was with them when they left for a bicycle ride on Sunday, was found on the marshes near Mablethorpe yesterday

boys who went missing in

marshes on the Lincolnshire

The two boys - 11-year-old Nathan Sayer and Ian Smye, who was 10 on Sunday - have not been seen since Sunday lunchtime when they left for a bike ride to celebrate lan's

The last sighting of them was at Horse Shoe Point on the coast, just a few miles from their homes in North Coates, by a man who saw the figures of three children in the distance at around 1pm.

The alarm was raised on

Sunday afternoon by the boys' families and police were called after their bikes were discovered abandoned at Horse Shoe

The area is known for high tides which can sweep in perilously fast and it is feared the

boys were cut off. Hundreds of people yesterday joined police and coastguards in their search for the two missing boys. The search was called off during the afternoon while the tide came in

in-shore lifeboat and helicopter crews from RAF Leconfield were keeping watch.

A coastguard spokesman said Sunday's tide, which measured 8 metres, was high. It usually varies between 6.2 metres and 8.8 metres. "It is a very dangerous area to be in when the tide is coming in," said the

spokesman. Parts of the marshes have posts driven into them with stages for stranded walkers to

again, and resumed at 6pm. The take refuge on Coastguards and which fill up when the tide locals know that the area around the mouth of the Hum-

ber is hazardous. When the tide is out, it is possible to walk two miles out on the sand but the danger is that the flood tide comes in very quickly, faster than walking speed.

Someone caught unawares on the sand can be cut off as the water surrounds them. The other hazard is falling into deep gullies running along the sand,

comes in. Keith Vardy, district controller of Humber Coastguard, said people in the area knew the fast flood tide made the coast dangerous. "The possibilities are that they could have been playing on the sand and were cut off by the tide coming in behind them or they may well have

slipped into one of the gullies. "We have not given up hope for them. The search will con-

DAILY POEM 'A slumber did my spirit seal'

By William Wordsworth

A slumber did my spirit seal; I had no human fears: She seemed a thing that could not feel The touch of earthly years.

No motion has she now, no force; She neither hears nor sees, Rolled round in earth's diurnal course With rocks and stones and trees.

One of Wordsworth's mysterious "Lucy" poems, this epitaph was written in 1798 or 1799 and published in 1800. It appears in the new Oxford World's Classics edition of Wordsworth's Selected Poetry (OUP, £3.99), edited with an introduction and notes by Stephen Gill and Duncan Wu.

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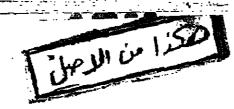


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Labour's man for EU seeks new start

Britain will seek a fresh start in Europe and draw a line under the past. Doug Henderson, the new minister in charge of relations with the European Union said on his first official visit to Brussels yesterday,

Mr Henderson began the monumental task of turning years of bitter confrontation into lasting partnership. In terms not heard from a British minister in Brussels for many years, he said: "We want to work with you as colleagues in a shared enterprise. Not using the lan-guage of opponents. Europe, for the new British government, is an opportunity not a threat."

The minister, a marathon runner and Newcastle MP with no known previous experience of European relations, confirmed that the Labour government would sign up to the Social Chapter, thereby removing the most significant source of bitterness in British-EU relations.

"My government will end the United Kingdom's opt-out from the Social Agreement. We believe that the Social Agreement in its current form represents a sensible balance between social responsibility and economic efficiency."

Mr Henderson told Britain's partners that the Labour govemment would "talk tough" in representing British interests. but wanted a "fresh start" and hoped to "draw a line under the recent past".

Before taking his seat at the negotiations of an Amsterdam treaty - one of the toughest dealing tables in Brussels - Mr Henderson had undergone Foreign Office briefings on every aspect of EU affairs.

After a warm welcome from Michiel Patijn, the Dutch presderson set out his opening statement identifying his gov-

ernment's priorities.

Reaching a deal by the Amsterdam summit in June would be a "top priority" he insisted, to the relief of his European counterparts after 18 months of stalled talks with his predecessors.

The Social Chapter contains only two directives; one giving all working parents a right to three months unpaid leave after the birth of a child; and the creation of works councils in

multi-national firms.

Although it was confirmed in Brussels yesterday that the European Commission would like to extend worker consultation to national firms, the view that there was no great "raft of legislation" on the way was challenged by Graham Mather, Conservative Member of the European Parliament for Hampshire North and Oxford.

He said a "floodgate" of new legislation was about to be opened up. "The Labour government's decision to sign the Social Chapter will mean that there are likely to be six new pieces of labour legislation coming down the pipeline from Brussels in the Government's first year of office.

The most far-reaching measure will be a law requiring all companies with more than 50 employees to set up works councils, which would have rights to be consulted on business decisions and new company

In Britain, Mr Henderson actions provoked Tory outrage. Stephen Dorrell, the former Secretary of State for Health, said: They [Labour] have been in office less than a week but they are already adding costs to British business, undermining British competitiveness and undermining the authority of Parliament."



Hand of friendship: Doug Henderson (right), Minister for Europe, greeting Dutch foreign minister Michiel Patijin in Brussels yesterday Photograph: AP

relcomes UK in from cold

"Britain has come in from the cold," was the view expressed by Britain's partners in Brussels yesterday after their first round of talks on European reform with the new government.

goodwill being shown to the new path to a deal at the Amsterdam summit in June.

The Europeans were pleased also by signs of a shift in the negotiating position on European reform displayed by the Government four days after its election victory. They were viewed as significant after 18

servative government. Doug Henderson, the new Minister for Europe, spoke about the desire to "co-operate" with Europe in a tone rarely heard in Brussels in recent years.

As most EU leaders concede.

Britain did not need to make a

major lurch towards integration The comments displayed the in order to come closer into line with Europe. Few member Labour government, and the determination of other governments to ease Tony Blair's states have an appetite for federalism and most would be content with moderate reforms states have an appetite for fedat Amsterdam. In France, where a rise in Euro-scepticism has been seen during the election campaign, there was par-ticularly satisfaction at Britain's

new platform on Europe. Mr Henderson won over other member states by making good Labour's manifesto months of stalling by the Con- pledge to sign up to the Social

Chapter, signalling an end to the five-year "opt out" secured by John Major at Maastricht.

Mr Henderson, speaking in the Council of Ministers' building at a meeting of the Inter-Governmental Conference on European Reform. confirmed Labour would support an employment chapter in the new

Amsterdam Treaty.

He indicated other areas where the Government would make compromises, which the Conservatives rejected, to overhaul EU institutions in readiness for enlargement. Among the Government's priorities in Europe, he said, would be completion of the single market, enlargement to the East, reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, and unemployment.

Areas of possible compro-

mise in the Amsterdam treaty threw light on the minefield talks included:

* Probable agreement to a

limited extension of qualified majority voting in such areas as regional aid decision-making, industry and the environment. * More powers for the Eu-

which the Council of Ministers decides by qualified majority. Readiness to consider the introduction of multi-speed or "flexible" decision-making in ar-

eas such as foreign policy, justice and home affairs. Readiness to consider compromise on asylum and immigration control. While Britain would retain frontier checks, it might consider greater inte-

gration of policies. Despite the cordial atmosphere, yesterday's discussions

which the Government has to negotiate as it attempts to justify its signature of the Social

Chapter to doubters at home. In June, social policy ministers are expected to accept plans to make it easier for victims of sexual discrimination in ropean Parliament over policies the workplace to prove their case against employers. Measures to curb sexual harass-

ment are also being prepared. But a confrontation appears to be looming between the European Commission and the new Government over whether manifesto pledge to reduce VAT on fuel can be allowed under an EU directive.

The EU is starting moves to harmonise taxes and is pressing member states to adopt commons standards on VAT.

Super unions flex their muscles

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

Employers were warned yes-terday of the potential power of new Enropean super-unions which could be developed in the wake of Britain's signature to the Social Chapter.

At the first union conference since the general election, workers' leaders from Britain and the Continent declared the new Euro-unions would be able to raise employees' living standards throughout Europe.

Ken Jackson, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said working hours would be at

the top of the agenda.

Speaking at his union's annual conference in Jersey, he said the AEEU and the IG Metal, the biggest union in Europe, were forging closer links and in-tended to address the gap in working time between Britain and Germany, where IG Met-al is based. British engineering workers are on a 37-39 hour week while their German colleagues work 35 hours.

Mr Jackson said he was keen to ensure co-operation over measures to enhance job security. Employers in Britain will be concerned that wages could be next on the agenda, German engineering workers earn about 15 per cent more than their UK

counterparts.

Strong links between the AEEU and IG Metal would give members a "hell of a pow-erful voice," Mr Jackson said.

He predicted that in 10 to 20 years most unions in Europe would be linked by tight federal structures and there would be several "pan-European"

Addressing the conference. Hans Fluger, general secretary of the 8-million-member European Metalworkers Federation, invoked the recent dispute at Renault as a model for future co-operation.

After the company threatened to close a plant in Belgium, unrest spread to France, Spain and the Netherlands. It was the first Euro-strike. "We are tied together and we can do it together," he said.

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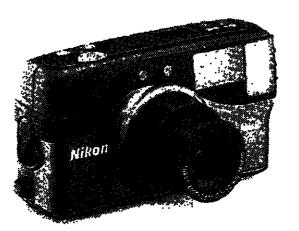
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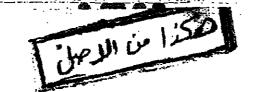
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6 The danger is great that we will be written off as old-fashioned 9

tempted to plug the policy gaps, turning away abruptly from its fascination for heavy industry, and espousing the technology of the next century.

In the first glimpse of its main electoral themes, the Social Democrats released a pamphlet extolling the virtues of "innovation, education and science. If elected, the party There would be more spending on higher education, and - despite heavy resistance from environmentally-conscious voters -more support for genetic engineering. Coal mines and steel works do not get a look-in.

The programme bears the imprint of Gerhard Schröder, the right-wing Social Democrat politician who is seen as the ready to supplant him, the parclosest Germany has to a Tony Blair. Mr Schröder, 53, is a telegenic populist with bags of charisma, a nice smile and a penchant for the good life. He has the highest poll rat-

The Labour leader's victory has won him fans

victory for the left would deposit

him in five years of muddled left-right co-habitation, the opposite

of the clear mandate for change

centre-left newspaper, Liberation,

vesterday argued the opposite. If

Blairism is a synthesis of free-markets and social conscience,

the newspaper argued, the best

way to import it into France

would be through the election of

a socialist prime minister and a

conservative president.

Anticipating this tactic, the

given by the British poll.

and imitators across Europe - in rival parties Gallic leaders fight over right to be Blair

John Lichfield **Paris**

Can you win the French lottery with a used British ticket? As the French election campaign formally got under way

yesterday, the principal topic of dehate was the British election. Both of the main French political families, the left and the centre-right, are claiming that they have chosen the same political numbers as Tony Blair: the free market with a kinder, gentler face.

The French Socialist leader, Lionel Jospin, was also drawing comfort from new polls which suggest a substantial reduction in the early lead of the centreright coalition now in government. On present indications, the French parliamentary elec-tion, to be fought over two rounds on 25 May and I June, is too close to call.

Before the British election, Mr Jospin was being teased by his opponents for not being Mr Blair. There had been no cultural revolution for French socialists. they said. The party's social and economic proposals, cuts in working hours and make-work schemes for the young, were a throwback to the Seventies.

The immensity of Mr Blair's vin has, however, sown doubt in the mind of the centre-right, as if left-wing election victories were, after all, a kind of rabies which might enter France through the Channel Tunnel.

Olivier Dassault, of the aircraft-making family and the Gaullist RPR party, said yesis expected to complain that a

terday that all parallels were misleading: Britain was rejecting 15 years of Thatcherism; France was still recovering from

14 years of Mitterrandism. Mr Jospin, who had formerly played down the compar-isons now claims to be the most "Blairiste" candidate in the race. Like Blair, he says, he wants to increase education and health spending; like Blair, he is cautious about the single currency; like Blair he wants to adapt to global challenges without recting the European social and weltarist model.

Rubbish, say the centre-right, we are the real Blairists. Alain Madelin, a right-wing former minister, says he can see nothing in the Blair programme that he would not happily adopt. The Prime Minister, Alain

Juppe, says "Blairisme" is fine because, unlike Jospinisme, it has "completely abandoned

The British election may have captivated the French politicians, but it is far from clear that Tony Blair - or anything else - has fired the imagination of the French electorate. According to one poll, more than 50 per cent of voters have little interest in the campaign.

To try to explode the lethargic mood, the centre-right is to wheel out its secret weapon sooner than expected. President Jacques Chirac will probably give a television address, or an interview, tomorrow - the second anniversary of his election to a

ing of any potential candidate for Chancellor. Unfortunately,

his popularity is found mainly

outside the party. Within the SPD, he is seen as a oue-man

band, and is universally loathed. Mr Schröder is not yet the of-

ficial candidate to take on

Chancellor Kohl in elections due in the autumn of 1998. Un

has vowed not to stand for national office unless he gets a

For once, circumstances are working in his favour, but he may not be given the time he needs to put his own affairs in

order. Mr Blair's stunning vic-

tory has turned perceptions up-

side down overnight, sparking

of waiting for a Messiah who would then have only six months to turn the lumbering

good result at home.

German party looks for Tony clone as leader

Imre Karacs

Casting an envious glance to-wards Britain, Germany's largest opposition party sought to re-invent itself yesterday as the force of the future, but remained mired in arguments

The Social Democrats, faced til last week, the Social Dewith a fifth term in opposition mocrats were not planning to if they lose against Helmut
Kohl next year, seem ready to
try just about anything that
try just about anything that might catapult them to power.

To the last man and woman, where he is Prime Minister. He they are now avowedly Blairite. All that separates them from victory in 73 weeks' time - as their posters promise - is the discovery of Labour's winning recipe and the anointment of Tony Blair's German clone.

Both remain elusive, however, and the obvious shortcomings have sparked internal feuds. Yesterday, the party at- a furious row about the wisdom

> party machinery around.
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> "The right moment for the naming of the SPD chancellor candidate could be earlier than spring 1998," said Heide Si-monis, the Prime Minister of Schleswig-Holstein, tipped long ago as potentially the first female Chancellor. Ms Simonis, a left-winger aged 54, could be angling for the job herself, or might just be trying to thwart Mr

Schröder. Either way, Oskar Lafontaine, the party's nominal leader, has been cast in the debate - since rejoined by other party grandees - as the clappedout incumbent, a blast from the

Mr Lafontaine, also aged 53, fought and heavily lost pledges to create a climate to against Mr Kohl in 1990. Since nurture new technology, and to returning to the top party post make better use of risk capital. nearly two years ago, he has brought the SPD to a respectable poli rating, but has failed truly to capture the vot-

> He is patently incapable of generating the excitement for which Germany's left craves, yet the decision to pick Mr Kohl's adversary rests in his hands. But even if there is a German Blair allels with Britain end there. Germany's opposition is cursed by a reasonably competent government. Or as Mr Schröder himself conceded: "Helmut Kohl is no John Major."

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Signs of the times: The May Day parade in Moscow (left) included about 25,000 Communists, some paying homage to Stalin and calling for the resignation of President Vettsin. In Warsaw, meanwhile, supporters of Poland's ruling Social Democratic party (right) have found a new hero in Tony Blair Photographs: Reuters

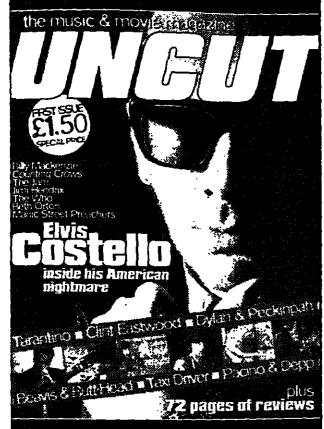
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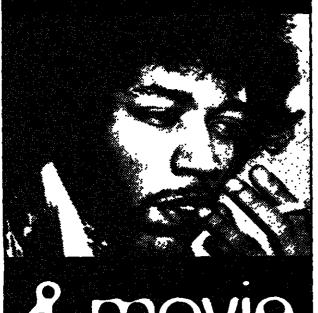
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Old Labour: Nostalgia for post-war era flows at rally in Bevan's heartland 'S' word strikes a chord on May Day in Wales

I'm not New Labour, I'm not Old Labour, I'm a Socialist.' Labour's embrace of the values that put Tony Blair into Number 10 with an undreamt of majority may have been at the back of Liew Smith's mind when the traditional May Day rally in the Blaenau Gwent kicked off yesterday.

Mr Smith, the local MP, has no hesitation in using the "S" word. It was repeated frequently at the rally in a cinema at Brynmawr, a South Wales Valleys town that personifies the radicalism of Aneurin Bevan, the MP for 31 years until his death in 1960. After Bevan came Michael Foot who handed the baton on to Mr Smith in

The beliefs of older radicals were articulated, carefully and with a sense of wonder, at Thursday's victory by Dennis Skinner who joined Mr Smith and Audrey Wise MP for the celebrations.

Standing in front of a huge banner emblazoned "Blaenau Gwent Constituency Labour Party. Forward with Socialism," Mr Skinner reminded the 500 at the gathering that he would no longer sit in the Commons just below Paddy Ashdown. "The Liberals will be in op-

Government side, where Ted Heath used to sit" he said. There was a round of applause when the MP for Bolsover joked: "We won despite the Dimbleby brothers. The election wasn't about millionaires in TV studios talking

position and I'll be sitting on the

people like you."

to media pundits. It was about



Radical touch: Dennis Skinner at the May Day celebrations in Brynmawr, Wales

laces where memories are long and values are handed down from generation to generation, just as the jobs were before the coalmines were closed.

Evoking the experience of the Labour government which swept to power in 1945, Mr Skinner told a tale: "There was a man called Stafford Cripps who had control of the money

though Gordon doesn't look like Stafford. Nye Bevan said we needed a National Health Service and a Welfare State and the money was found."

Now Labour was back with a majority even more decisive than that of Clement Attlee, a start should be made on redistributing power and wealth.

There would, Mr Skinner Nostalgia comes easily in just like Gordon Brown has, conceded, be a honeymoon:

"We're on different territory now. The Tories have been vanquished and I don't want to be

But, he declared, the revenue from North Sea oil should be earmarked for the NHS. Another source of income was "VAT on private schools,

accused of stirring up protest."

although I don't know if that would go down well with everyone in the leadership, although

it could fetch about £1bn." The speakers returned again and again to the philosophy of the Bevan era. The Campaign Group, to which the three MPs belong, clearly takes its inspiration from the post-War phe-

Mrs Wise, fresh from May Day celebrations at the weekend in her Preston constituency, said: "It is important for a

Labour government to make a start on righting the wrongs of the past 18 years. It can't be done overnight and Tony Blair hasn't got seven-league boots, but we must show clearly that we are moving in the right -sorry. I mean correct - direction."

Songsheets were handed out before the meeting began but when the audience stood to sing

Greeks furious with Smith over decision to keep Marbles in UK

Louise Jury and Andrew Gumbei

The Greek government will not abandon its aim of restoring the Elgin Marbles to Athens in spite of Labour's opposition. convinced were the Greeks that New Labour would despatch the marbles back to the Acropolis that Evangelos Venizelos, the Greek culture minister, wrote a letter asking for them within hours of Tony Blair's landslide victory.

Their hopes were soon dashed by Chris Smith, the new National Heritage Secretary, in an interview on BBC1's On the Record. He said Labour had examined the idea over the

last five years and decided it was neither feasible nor sensible. The marbles were "wonderfully displayed" in the British Museum. where they were an "integral part" of the collections.

But yesterday, Mr Venizelos indicated that Athens would not be deterred. He will pursue the up the museum's collection. question with Mr Smith at a European Union meeting in Luxembourg on 30 June.
"The policy remains. It is

something that will have to be discussed," he said.

Pressure to return the 5th century carvings has been exerted for many years. The frieze and other parts of

the Parthenon temple in Athens were taken by Lord Elgin in

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local Ottoman Turkish administrators, and were sold to the British Museum. Mr Smith said millions of vis-

itors from around the world came every year to see them and it would make no sense to split "If you start embarking on

questioning where particular works are located around the world then you get into all sorts of difficult areas of discussion," he said. The commentators on Radio Athens were unimpressed. "Is

mean by a more democratic and pro-European policy?" they asked. "They are no different from the Tories. The British will never change or abandon their imperial delusions." Dr Nicos Papadakis, the

this what the British Labourites

press counsel for the Greek embassy in London, was more tactful. He said the issue was



The Elgin Marbles on display

very difficult and delicate for both sides: "This is a fundamental pillar of our foreign policy. There has been a longstanding application for their return. Would you give up?"

Photograph; Jon Lister

Yet, there was a private suspicion in Greece that the issue had been raised too quickly and without due diplomatic protocol. "A rather tactless manoeuvre," said one British official.

The late Greek actress and culture minister, Melina Mercouri, spearheaded the campaign 15 years ago and was believed to have won the

Labour Party's sympathy. In 1984, several British actresses, including Dame Judi Dench, signed a petition of support. And in a telephone poll in 1995, following a Channel 4 film, 92,500 of the 100,000 callers backed the marbles'

They are not the only treasures in dispute, however. Other countries also have claims on gems stored in Britain.

Nigeria would like the Benin bronzes in the British Museum and Ghana has staked a claim to 19th-century royal regalia of the Ashanti people, held at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

But it was recently reported that Egypt has dropped its demand for the return of treasures including the Rosetta Stone

Bruton is first to call at No 10

Chief Political Correspondent

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, will be the first leader to meet Tony Blair at Downing Street since his election as Prime Minister. Their meeting on Thursday will take stock of the British elections and the

chances for resuming the search for peace in Northern Ireland. The meeting at Downing Street is not being billed as a full summit, but as a "courtesy call" by the Irish premier, who is to address the Oxford Union to-

morrow. He will be accompa-nied by Dick Spring. Foreign Minister, and the Northern Ireland Secretary, Mo Mowlam, also will be at Number Ten.

The talks will cover the election of Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein in the Province, but both sides will reaffirm their stand that there can be no entry to the peace talks for Sinn Fein until the IRA declare a full and permanent peace. The meeting will review prospects for the revived peace talks in Northern Ireland, due to begin again on 3 June. but

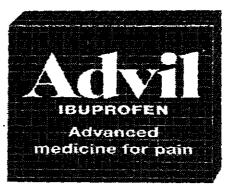
there are also local elections in Northern Ireland on 22 May, in which Sinn Fein is expected to make a strong showing.
Mr Bruton said last night: "I

am very much looking forward to it (the meeting with Mr Blair], as I believe we can develop many new possibilities for co-operation in regard to Northern Ireland, bilaterally and within Europe. "Work with-in each of these areas is mutually reinforcing."

Mr Bruton added: "Co-operation in relation to Northern Ireland should, I believe, have the utmost priority for both governments." He welcomed a statement by Ms Mowlaw stressing that "future arrange" ments for the government of Northern Ireland should attract the support of all parts of

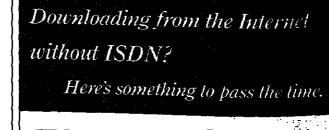
the community."
Mr Bruton described that assertion as "an important recognition of the need for nationalist as well as unionist consent. "It emphasises the central task of the talks process, which we commenced on June 10 last year, and which resumes of

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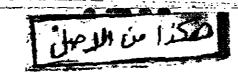






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New Labour, new faces: Surprise names in government as unexpected MPs come to terms with victory

Banks job shows Blair is a sport

Tony Blair last night added a dose of cheek and wit to his new Government team last night. with the appointment of Tony Banks as Minister of Sport.

Mr Banks, 54, is one of Parliament's greatest wits and his appointment added colour to a long list of diebard Blair supporters.

MP for Newham North East since 1983, Mr Banks had a year on Labour's front bench in 1992-3 as spokesman on transport and environment.

Mr Banks, a Chelsea supporter, is a tough defender of animal rights and can be expected to play a leading role in Government efforts to ban foxhunting, on which the Labour manifesto promised a free vote in Parliament.

The greasy pole of political advancement and decline was well worn last night as Mr Blair kept a careful balance between old and new Labour, the different parts of the country and the essential gender balance in a party that now has more than 100 women MPs.

But there were still some bastions of male domination.

Donald Dewar's Scottish Office new has two Ministers of State. Henry McLeish and Brian Wilson, and Malcolm Chisholm as a Parliamentary Under-Secre-

tary, but no women ministers. A better precedent was set by Robin Cook, the new Foreign Secretary, with the appointment of Baroness Symonds, the former head of the First Division Association, the civil service union, as a minister with special responsibility for equal opportunities.

With education a key priority of the new Government. Downing Street disclosed that several rising stars of new Labour had got their reward. Stephen Byers is appointed Minister of State for Education, with special responsibility for school standards. Baroness Blackstone is Education

Minister of State in charge of further and higher education. Tessa Jowell, another close ally of the Prime Minister, is made Minister of State at the Department of Health, a job she shadowed.

Alan Milburn, who was shadow Treasury economic secretary. joins Ms Jowell at the Department of Health, also at the rank of Minister of State.

New Labour - new jobs

Ust of appointments announced on Monday, 6 May:

Tony Banks is to be appointed Minister for Sport. Stephen Byers is appointed Minister of State for Education, with Stephen Byers is appointed Minister of State for Education, with special responsibility for school standards. Baroness Blackstone, a well-known Blainte, gets the job of Education Minister of State in charge of further and higher education. And Tessa Jowell, another close ally of the Prime Minister, is made Minister of State at the Department of Health – a job she shadowed. Northern Ireland Ministers of State are Adem Ingram and Paul Murphy. Health Ministers of State are Tessa Jowell and Alan Milburn. Scottish Office Minister of State is Henry McLeish. Brian Willson is the new minister for education and industry in Scotland Defence Minister of State is Dr John Reid. Foreign Office Ministers of State are Derek Fatchert and Tony Lloyd. Home Office Ministers of State are Alun Michael and Joyce Quin. Department of Trade and Industry Ministers of State are John Battle and lan McCartney.

anment and Trae Hilary Armstrong. Junior Minister at the Lord Chancellor's Department is Geoff Hoon.

Junior Minister for Wales is Peter Ham. Dewn Primarolo is given the job of Financial Secretary, the post she shadowed. Joining her at the Treasury is Helen Liddell, as Economic

Secretary.

Nigel Griffiths and Barbara Roche are made Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry.

Other Under Secretary posts go to Nick Raynesford, Glenda Jackson and Angela Eagle – aged just 36 – who go to the Environment and Transport under John Prescott.

And Keith Bradley and John Denham are given jobs at the Department of Social Security.

Sam Galbraith and Malcolm Chisholm have postings at the Scottish Office.



Helen Liddell and Dawn Primarolo climb the Treasury steps

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Alun Michael is made Minister of State in Jack Straw's department. He is joined by Joyce Quin, Robin Cook's former deputy, who was tipped for the European Minister's job.

That post has gone to Doug Henderson, who has been made Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Joining him are Derek Fatchett, a frontbencher for nearly 10 years, and Tony Lloyd, who was also on the Foreign Of-

Working for Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, are Adam Ingram, Labour's science spokesman in opposition and Paul Murphy, formerly a defence spokesman. Both appointments are at Minister of State level.

Dr John Reid is made up to Defence Minister of State, the job he shadowed in Opposition. At the Department of Trade and Industry, Margaret Beckett's Ministers of State are Ian

McCartney and John Battle. For Environment and Transport, working under Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott are Dick Caborn and Hilary Armstrong, as Ministers of State. Dawn Primarolo is given the job of Financial Secretary, post she shadowed in opposition. Joining her at the Treasury is Helen Liddell, as Economic Secretary.

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One-term wonders leave their old lives

Michael Streeter

If Labour's employment team registers a small, temporary blip in the unemployment figures this morning they have only last Thursday's landslide to blame. Many of those new MP's

who may have hoped, but never expected, to win will today have to inform their current employers they are leaving, in an-ticipation of starting their new careers in central London. All the new members will be

exhilarated but their bank managers may be less happy; a number of the new profession-al breed of Blairite MP's who scraped in thanks to the huge swing will be taking substantial pay cuts and moving to a job which is notoriously insecure.

As one cynic put it yesterday: These are the one-term wonders who must know they may never make it to Parliament again if the electorate swings back even slightly next time." Out of the new intake of Labour MP's around 60 were in such "safe" Tory seats that Labour HQ had omitted them

some remain an unknown quantity to party bosses. At 30, Stephen Twigg, whose breath-taking victory in Enfield Southgate over Michael Portillo has entered political folklore, knows he still has time on his

from their main target list, and

side. "Even if I lost next time I would still be only be 35," he said. Not that defeat is on his mind. "I'm genuinely delighted at winning. It will be a great challenge. trying to turn what has been a Tory seat into a Labour seat."

Mr Twigg, whose main am-bition had been to halve Mr Portillo's majority, will now have to give up his post as general secretary to the Fabian Society. "When I applied for the job there was a requirement what no one could get it who was standing for public office.

"I only got the job by per-suading them I was standing in a seat where I could not possibly win."
The Blairite MP says he is un-

usual among the new intake. "My salary will be going up -nearly everyone else's seems to

be going down."

Ivan Henderson, the docker who took Harwich from the sports minister Ian Sproat, with a swing of 14 per cent, admitted that some regarded his candidacy more as a "tester" than as one with a chance of winning. Now he is elected he has no intention, he says, of becoming just a "oneterm wonder". He believes that in many seats, including his own,

Tory MP's have not put in the effort locally they could have. Hove, in Sussex, conjures up an image of a true-blue town; but its Labour candidate, Ivor Caplin, will this morning hand in his resignation as quality manager in Legal & General's marketing division after sweeping to victory on the back of a 16.4 per cent swing. Mr Caplin, 38, says he has "no regrets" at giving up such a secure career.

His wife Maureen confesses she is a little "nervous" at him giving up his job for the uncertainties of full-time politics. "I did not expect him to win. I was

shocked - and very pleased."
For Dutch-born lecturer Rudi Vis, 56, his unexpected win in the former Thatcher stronghold of Finchley - with a swing of 15 per cent - has left him with a dilemma; when to resign his economics post at the University of East London without harming his students.

Another lecturer, Roger Casale, 34, will have to leave his students after his surprising win in the Tory bastion of Wimbledon - number 177 on Labour's target list - with a swing of more than 17 per cent. He will say

goodbye to his students today. On Thursday the new MP for Crovdon Central, Geraint Davies, will resign as leader of Croydon council, after overturning a Tory majority of nearly 15,000. Pleased, but surprised to be the MP, Mr Davies confessed that none of the main parties - inluding his own - thought Labour was going to win.



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Redwood the Vulcan takes on Tory Boy

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

John Redwood will announce today that he is running for the leadership of the Conservative

Party on a pledge to reunite the party on Europe and rebuild the Tories from the grass roots. Mr Redwood is facing a concerted effort by some Tory grandees to block his campaign, but he will tell the 165 lory MPs who will select the new leader. "Now is the time for explanation, not recrimination."

There may be a hollow laugh from his critics, but Mr Redwood, who has been consistent in his opposition to a single currency, believes the party will be united in its opposition to a fudged single currency.

However, in spite of his Euro-scepticism, Mr Redwood, known as the Vulcan, will also base his campaign on the need

to rebuild from the grassroots through Tory strength on local councils, highlighting the Tory haul of 19 out of 26 seats on his local Wokingham council. The former Cabinet minister who challenged John Major for the leadership on the slogan "No change, no chance", will be the third to enter the field, after Kenneth Clarke and Peter Lilley.

He has a head-start on the rest, having been out of goverument since 1995 when he resigned to fight the leadership. The campaign for the chairmanship of the 1922 Committee of Tory MPs also will get

under way today. Archie Hamilton, a former defence minister, will announce in a letter to all Tory MPs that he is standing for the post, which has to be filled before the leadership contest can begin. Other contenders for the 1922 chairmanship will include

John MacGregor, a former Cabinet minister, Tom King, and Sir Geoffrey Johnson-

Alan Clark, the MP for Kensington and Chelsea, has also told his friends he wants to run

6 He will base his campaign on the need to rebuild from the grassroots 9

for the chairmanship, which will be decided on 21 May. The former Home Secretary, Michael Howard, is almost certain to mount a strong campaign for the leadership, emerging as one of the last contenders, in order to build a

momentum before formally declaring his bid.

Mr Howard is gaining support across the party, from the Euro-sceptic right wing, to some of those on the left of the Tory Party, including Virginia Bottomley, who believe he is a "big hitter" who carries enough au-

thority to challenge Tony Blair. William Hague is also ex-pected to declare his candiday for the leadership, after taking soundings from among his friends. He is emerging as the front-runner among those who believe they now have to jump a generation to rebuild the party and match Mr Blair's appeal. At 36, however, some of the grandees in the party who sur-

vived the cull on 1 May yesterday said Mr Hague was "too young to take on the task. Mr Major is expected to take on responsibility for foreign affairs and Europe, following the loss of the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, and will meet senior colleagues, including the party's chief whip, Sir Alastair Goodlad, to map out the strategy for dealing with Mr

Blair's first Queen's Speech next Wednesday. The response to the Queen's speech could be Mr Major's swan song. But those close to him discounted speculation that he may stand down from his Huntingdon constituency to provide a seat for Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong. "He feels it would be insulting to his constituency. He won't do that." He will not back openly any of

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John Redwood: 45, with the

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Runners and riders in race to lead party

Michael Howard, 55, ex-home secretary, opponent of Ken Clarke in Cabinet over Europe, but failed to persuade John Major to harden the opposition to the single currency. Strength - right-winger, hard on crime, and tough debater who scored hits on Jack Straw, then his shadow; he is seen as one of the few who could lay a glove on Tony Blair.

Weakness - seen as slick lawyer, who could argue the same case either way. Team - Sir Michael Spicer, leading Eurosceptic, David Lidington, his parliamentary private secre-tary; with loyal number two David Maclean. Other Eurosceptics likely to back him in-clude David Davis, former foreign minister. On centreleft, Virginia Bottomley among

his backers.

Kenneth Clarke, 56, ex-chancellor, big hitter who can scale Labour, won praise for handling of the economy, steady growth and low inflation, and resistance



Clarke: Blokeish, but taste in footwear is a handicap

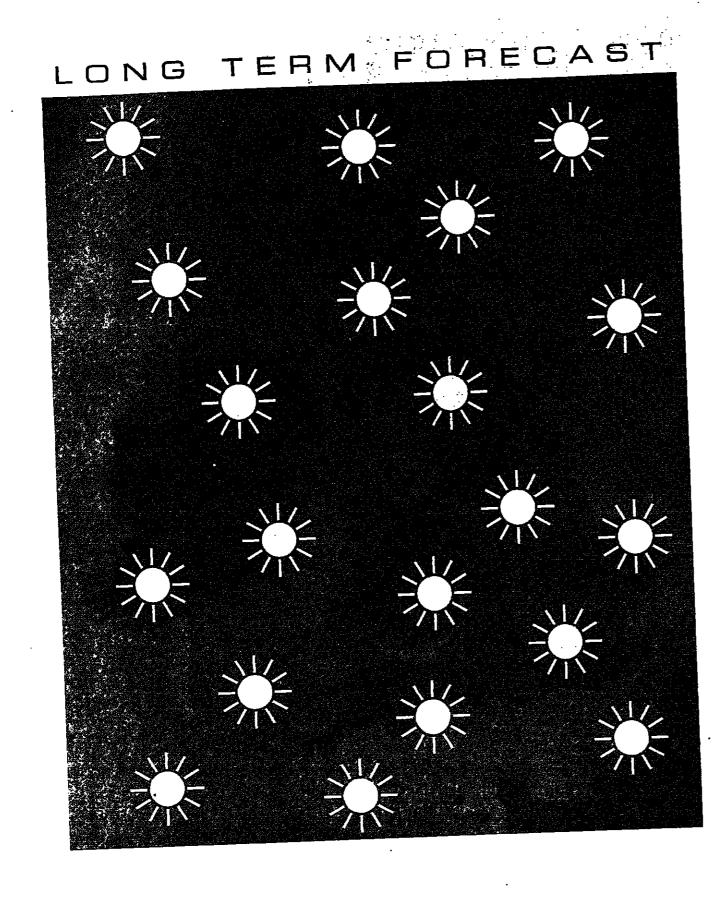
to Governor of the Bank, Eddie George's pressure for increases in interest rates. Strength - belief in himself, "blokeish" appeal.

Weakness - Euro-sceptics hate him, and Britain will never elect a leader in Hushpuppies. Camp – pro-Europeans, John Gummer, Ian Taylor and Sir Peter Temple-Morris, leader of the Macleod group of "one-nation" Tory MPs.

William Hague: 36, ex-secretary of state for Wales, centre-left with Euro-sceptic cutting edge,

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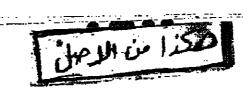


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Failure of talks puts Kinshasa on rebel alert

Ed O'Loughlin Kinshasa

Zairean rebel radio warned citizens of Kinshasa to stay away from "strategic areas", saying the first attack on the govern-ment held capital could come

at any time.

The warnings follow the inconclusive results of this weekend's peace talks in Congo, which have left rebel leader Laurent Kabila free to go ahead with his threat to capture the capital by force. The advance rebel units are believed to be within 100km of the capital, having moved 300km since capturing the city of Kikwit a week ago. Reports in Kinshasa say that rebel radio is claiming some of Mr Kabila's fighters have already infiltrated the capital in civilian clothes.

Speaking in his southern hase of Lubumbashi, Mr Kabila has given President Mobutu Sese Seko three days to resign unconditionally or else "perish with his power".

Mobutu aides yesterday

hoodlum". The US ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, visited Mr Kabila in Lubumbashi yesterday in a last ditch effort to persuade him to pursue his objectives by peace-

The drive on Kinshasa comes despite Sunday's face-to-face meeting between Mr Mobutu and Mr Kabila, which took place aboard the South African naval supply ship Outeniqua at Pointe-Noire in the Congo. Although Mr Mobutu has agreed in principle to step down as President, thereby fulfilling the rebels' avowed war aim, hopes for an mmediate end to the conflict proved groundless when the two men failed to agree on how

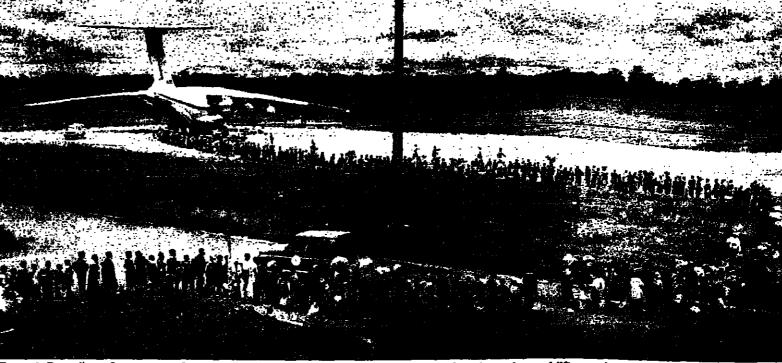
and when this should happen. According to a communiqué released after the meeting. Mr Mobutu wants to remain head of state during a transition period leading to elections. Mr Kabila refused to accept anything less than Mr Mobutu's immediate resignation and says his

for the Liberation of Congo-

Zaire should manage power during the transition period. The chairman for the talks,

South Africa's President Nelson Mandela, said he plans to bring both sides back together next week for further talks. In the meantime, he made it plain, there was little prospect of a ceasefire - "Ceasefire is not in Mr Kabila's vocabulary," he remarked.

Life went on much as normal in Kinshasa yesterday, despite the growing prospect of a rebel attack. Most Kinshasans now say they would welcome Mr Kabila's rebels to their city. After 32 years of corrupt and incompetent rule the ailing Presi-



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File past: Rwandan refugees queueing to board a plane at Kisangani in Zaire to take them home in an airlift organised by the UN

unpopular, and few people now fear to say so.

Many observers in the capital believe that, in the absence of a ceasefire, it will fall in the next few days, possibly without dent Mobutu is deeply a major battle. The rebels have

encountered only light resistance from the government's undisciplined army in their long march from the east, and there is little sign that the army is prepared to put up a real fight now. The government claims to

have launched a counter offensive, with elements of the élite Presidential Security Detachment (ESP) which it says is holding the rebels along a 60km wide front. No apparent effort has been made to fortify key instal-

lations around the capital, and no curfew has been imposed. Many Zaireans fear that the main threat to their safety comes not from the rebels but from the government army,

olence against it's own people.

Across the Congo river in
Brazzaville several thousand troops from the US, France, Britain and Belgium are on standby to evacuate foreign cit-

Mix-up blamed for train deaths

Washington (Reuters) — The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) refugees, railway staff, six soldiers, presumably rebels, and a local employee of the UN blamed a breakdown in co-ordination with local authorities for the death of around 100 Rwandan Hutu refugees in a packed train on Sunday.

Sadako Ogata, the High Commissioner, said: "These arrangements did not move with full coordination ... the military on the ground and our office were not really co-ordinated because of the difficulty of coordination as such."

UN officials in Zaire said the refugees suffocated or were crushed to death in the badly overcrowded train carrying them from a refugee camp to the northeastern town of Kisanni, where they were to be air lifted bome to Rwanda.

Ms Ogata said that local authorities had ordered the train to leave Biaro, about 25 miles south of Kisangani, "without HCR clearance" because too many people were already aboard as the train prepared to pull out.

No UNHCR staff were open-topped cars, she said. "It planned, the tri just went," carrying the have occurred.

World Food Programme.
Quoting from a UNHCR re-

port on the tragedy, she said refugees swarmed on board at two stops, where as many as 5,000 to 6,000 people were waiting to board.

Many probably died at the first stop in the course of storming the train, she said. And "the train was made to stop again and others scrambled to get on Survivors said thousands of

refugees had swarmed onto the train as it pulled out of a station near Biaro camp. The weak, children and dozens of desperately ill adults aboard were forced to the bottom of the car in the crush that followed.

The railway is controlled by Zairean rebel authorities, who have either resisted or co-op-erated reluctantly with the UN effort to airlift the Hutu refugees, who number about 80,000, back to Rwanda.

Ms Ogota said that if a Ul effort to begin the airlift last aboard the train, made up of six month had gone ahead as

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Kasparov beaten as Deep Blue draws level

William Hartston

The IBM supercomputer Deep Blue levelled the scores in its match against Garry Kasparov by winning its second game against the world chess champion in 45 moves. Kasparov had won the opening battle of the six-game match on Saturday.

The games are being played on the 35th floor of the Equitable Centre in Manhattan where Kasparov faces a computer terminal across a chess board. Only three of Kasparov's assistants and five members of the Deep Blue programming team are permitted to watch the game directly, but all tickets were sold for the 450-seat first-floor audi-

6 This was a game that any human would have been proud to play - this was real chess 9

torium, where spectators paid \$25 (£16) each to watch huge screens displaying the state of the game and the expressive movements of Kasparov as he wrestled with the machine.

After 17 quick moves of opening theory, with which Kasparov and Deep Blue were both clearly familiar, the human champion removed his watch always a sign that he is beginning to take things seriously. Indeed, in the first game, the first clear evidence that Deep Blue's chips were cooked came when Kasparov smiled and put his watch back on just minutes before the computer's operators conceded defeat. This time,

however, the watch remained on

After three hours, Kasparov looked content with his position, but a few moves later was reduced to apparently aimless shuffling, and the computer

gained a grip on the position. Soon the world champion was shaking his head in frustra-tion and making faces indicative of the disgust he felt at himself for being forced into such a miserable position. Recognising that his game was hopeless. Kasparov resigned at move 45.

Not generally renowned for his equanimity in defeat, the champion did. on this occasion, leave the playing room calmly, but he did not appear for the scheduled press conference.

The play so far has confounded all expectations. Computers have been traditionally regarded as highly dangerous in complex tactical games, but less effective in blocked positions where long-term strategy takes precedence over immediate calculations.

Yet the computer gave a faultlessly subtle strategic performance in winning the second game. Indeed, the way Deep Blue managed to nurture a small positional advantage while stifling any hopes its op-ponent might have had to counter-attack was reminiscent of some of Anatoly Karpov's best victories over Kasparov in world title matches. "This was a game that any human would have been proud to play," said Joel Benjamin, the chess grandmaster consultant to the IBM team. "This was not computer chess. This was real

Indeed, when Kasparov was reduced halfway through the game to aimlessly shuffling a bishop to and fro, it was his own play that was made to look more artificial than that of the intelligence facing him.

Kasparov's defeat: page 14, the Tabloid



Mob rule: A scene from the new screen Mafia drama Donnie Brasco, starring Michael Madsen and Johnny Depp (centre left and right)

After the suicide, a wall of silence

Niscemi — The Papillon fur and jewellery shop is one of the few half-decent buildings standing in the miserable southern Sicilian town of Niscemi. Tucked away down a rutted, nameless side-street, off one of the main roads leading out of town, it offers a welcome splash of colour, and well-scrubbed affluence among the monotonous, dilapidated strings of crambling houses and shops.

The man who built it, Salvatore Frazzetto, was a property speculator who had dreams of bringing some honest, attractive business to this most depressed corner of the Italian south. But Mr Frazzetto did not count on the sheer hostility of the local Mafia gangs who have successfully strangled all similar attempts at independent private enterprise in the past.

On 16 October last year, two thugs burst into the shop and threatened Mr Frazzetto and his Andrew Gumbel on the lonely terror of a family who defied the gangs

23-wear-old son Mimmo at knife point. When their demands for protection money went unheeded, they cut the two men up before finishing them off with a pistol. Mr Frazzetto's widow. Agata Azzolina, was determined not to cave into the pressure of the mobsters and, for a while, kept the shop going as a gesture of defiance. But she, too, was gradually ground down. On New Year's Eve the thugs returned to the shop and beat her up. She started receiving anonymous letters demanding millions of lire. Her customers deserted her, intimidated not only by the violence she had suffered but by the three soldiers sent by the au-

thorities to stand guard outside. Repeatedly, she and the mayor of Niscemi, Salvatore Liardo, requested a police escort but

but far enough to get out of were told no resources were here. Her life has been shatavailable for such a service. tered and there's certainly no fu-ture for her in Niscemi." Mrs Azzolina's persecutors followed her everywhere, even

costed her while she was grieving over the tombs of her loved ones, threatening to kill her remaining child, 21-year-old Chiara, if she did not pay up. By the end of March, Mrs Azzolina could stand it no longer and hanged herself with a piece of nylon cord in her

to the cemetery where they ac-

Jaitchen. Forgive me, Chiara, she wrote in her suicide note. "Leave this god-forsaken place. I can't take it any longer."
For the moment, Chiara has not left, but she is desperately. terrifyingly, alone. Apart from the mayor, no state official turned up to her mother's funeral. Niscemi's shopkeepers

were supposed to close their shutters for a day of mourning but carried on working as norput up around the town at the municipality's expense disappeared in days. It was as if Aga-ta Azzolina had never existed. Chiara now has the escort that was denied to ber mother.

but it has only isolated her further from the rest of the town. She has retreated into the cocoon of her remaining family and refuses to speak to anyone. Her 84-year-old grandfather,

himself isolated and ignored by his neighbours, said: "I think she'll go soon, maybe not far,

Chiara's grandmother sits in a wheelchair behind a first-floor window and stares forloraly down into the street all day long. The terrible story of the Frazzetto family is indicative of

The new MAFIA

> a new strain of Mafia activity in Sicily that has grown up over the past 10 years and is becoming ever more virulent. The extortionists and murderers that prey on Niscemi and the surrounding towns are not part of Cosa Nostra, the classical Sian Mafia with its honour codes and strict family-based hierarchies.

> They are a wilder, more volatile and ultimately more frightening phenomenon, known to Mafia experts as stiddari - members of a rival organisation to Cosa Nostra named after the Sicilian dialect word for a star, stidda, because many of its members are tattooed with star motifs.

The stiddari thrive in areas with no longstanding Mafia tradition, taking advantage of eco-

nomic recession to pick up recruits and squeezing all available drops of wealth out of backwaters like Niscemi.

They do not operate protection rackets in any systematic way, or have any organised hold on the local state authorities: rather, they pounce on people in unpredictable fashion and generate a climate of fear as and when it suits them.

In Niscemi, gangland killings have taken place in the main square, right under the noses of the town council. Last year, a 19-vear-old boy called Pierantonio Sandri disappeared mysteriously and has not been heard of again. Cars are not so much stolen as taken hostage the owner being plagued by anonymous phone calls until he pays a bounty on his vehicle.

Businessmen complain of frequent attacks on their property and of intimidating phone some of them apparently made by members of the police.

There was a fire in the projection booth of Niscemi's only functioning cinema recently, accompanied by a volley of pistol shots. When the manager got home that night, the front door of his building had been burned down.

The fear is palpable in the averted glances, in the tightly closed shutters, in the suspicion underscoring the overtly warm welcome offered to outsiders. In Niscemi's main square, unemployed young men with large wads of cash in their pockets loiter outside an insalubrious bar. Town council workers turn away from them as soon as they come out of their building, scurrying away down the dusty

The Mafia never likes to op-erate under a spotlight, and the blaze of publicity surrounding Agata Azzolina's suicide has made Niscemi close ranks completely. Even Mayor Liardo, who until recently was making all the right noises and has worked hard to improve basic conditions in the town, has started complaining about Niscemi's bad press.

"This is not a Mafia town," he insisted, even while listing his problems with extortion, murder, kidnapping, drugs trafficking and the rest. "We just a have a problem with delinquency. People here are honest

and hardworking."
The head of the local small business association, Giovanni Millitari, admitted on the day of Mrs Azzolina's funeral that he had paid protection money - albeit in kind rather than in cash. Two weeks later, having been summoned by an investigating magistrate to explain himself, he was complaining of having been maliciously misquoted. As for the cinema owner, a Mr Agliotta, he had only one thing to say about his recent misfortunes: "Nothing hap-pened to me. Nothing at all."

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Spain basks in economic gains

"The truth is, Spain is doing quite well." Words like these have been heard a lot lately, but it was a surprise, none the less. to hear them the other day from the lips of the opposition Socialist leader, Felipe Gonzalez. The conservative Prime Minister, Jose Maria Aznar, must be feeling pretty pleased with himself as he celebrates his first year in government.

A couple of recent milestones a pat on the back from Brussels on Spain's likely inclusion in the first round of monetary union and the signing of a his-toric labour pact between employers and unions - have boosted ministers' spirits. The Governor of the Bank of Spain, Luis Angel Rojo, even warned Mr Aznar's team not to let the euphoria get out of hand. "More efforts are still needed," he said.

Not everyone is euphoric. Trade union leaders, who have just signed an accord with the employers' organisations that will transform the country's labour market, heard boos and protests from their members during last week's traditional May Day parades. The pact will make it easier for companies to lay people

One year on, Aznar's government passes key tests on single currency

notice for each year worked. Employers have long complained that entrenched workers' employment rights - a legacy of the Franco years that

unions and the previous Socialist government were reluctant to discard - encouraged employers to issue shortterm ("junk") contracts rather than take on permanent staff. The unions hope that junk

contracts will be replaced by longer-term or indefinite ones, especially for young people, more than half of whom have never had a proper job, and that the country's 22 per cent unemployment rate, twice the EU average, will fall. But the employers admit they do not know how many new jobs the deal will create.

The pact now goes to parliament, and the Labour Minister, Javier Arenas, who kept out of the way during three months of tough negotiations, promised to pilot the agreement through before the summer, when employment traditionally picks up. Spain's stock market leapt to

off, they will have to give 33 days historic heights after the European Commission recently predicted that Spain, unlike Italy and Greece, could qualify for monetary union first time round. Huge demand for shares in the privatised state companies Telefonica and the petrol concern Repsol kept markets on the boil. And when the International Monetary Fund predicted an economic growth rate above the EU average, the government's heart fairly burst

with pride.
Inflation, at 2.4 per cent, is within the limit required for monetary union, as is the budget deficit. Public debt, at 68 per cent of GNP (slightly above Brussels requirements) is falling. and interest rates and currency fluctuations are on target.

But the ruling Popular Party has yet to win the affection of the public. Opinion polls suggest that most Spaniards remain non-committal about the government's political achievements. The public's main concerns remain unemployment and Eta terrorism: two issues on which little progress has been

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gain by hanging on

made in the last 12 months. If Spain passes the single currency exam. Mr Aznar may be tempted to go to the country in 1999, a year before he has to, to seek an absolute majority and disengage from the burdensome

but necessary alliance with Cata-lan and Basque nationalists. Mr Gonzalez suggested recently that the government might call elections even sooner, in late 1998 before joining the single currency, if the economy and the polls continue to improve. But Mr Aznar, on a visit to the United States this week, insisted he would run his full term. He still has everything to gain by hanging on.

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Israel tries to breathe life into peace talks

Eric Silver Jerusalem

Israel is preparing a package of gestures designed to revive the peace negotiations with the Palestinians that have been frozen since work began on a contentious Jewish housing pro-ject at Har Homa in Arab East Jerusalem two months ago.

The measures are expected to include firm steps to building homes for Arabs in Israel's dis-

tion of residence rights in Jerusalem to hundreds of Palestinians who forfeited them by moving out of the city.

The Israelis are also considering a more flexible approach on various unfulfilled commitments made by the previous Labour government under the interim agreement. Among these are Palestinian air and sea ports in the Gaza Strip; a safe-passage road link between

the West Bank and Gaza; and access for Palestinian workers to jobs in Israel.

The Palestinians remain sceptical, however, about whether the Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, can or will deliver. The Bar-On scandal over the dubious appointment of an underqualified lawyer to the post of Attorney-General has left him both weaker and more dependent on

puted capital and the restora- Palestinian-controlled areas of hardliners in his right-wing and er Arafat, complained yesterday religious coalition.

The Interior Ministry, a fiefdom of the Sephardi Shas party, is resisting the Prime Minister's attempt to stop it confiscating Jerusalem identity cards from Arabs who have moved either abroad or to the West Bank suburbs. And Mr Netanyahu himself is defying international pressure to stop building 6,500 Jewish homes on Har Homa. The Palestinian leader, Yass-

that the Israeli government was not interested in salvaging the peace process. Speaking to reporters on his return from talks Cairo with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, he accused Mr Netanyahu of continuing to

violate signed agreements. Mr Arafat is to meet Israel's figurehead president, Ezer Weizman, on the border between Israel and Gaza this evening, but neither side expects

the atmosphere. In a week of quickening diplomatic activity, Mr Netanyahu will also hold talks today with Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, though again they are likely to have a marginal impact on the Israeli-Palestinian imbroglio. In the longer term, Israelis

and Palestinians reluctantly acknowledge that their best hopes lie with the United States. Dennis Ross, President Bill Clinton's

Cook promises

same policy

The Foreign Secretary telephoned the Governor of

Hong Kong yesterday to reassure him that there would be continuity of policy between the outgoing and incoming governments. Robin Cook repeated his

appointed by his friend, the

former orimé minister John

Mr Cook made clear that

Britain's policy on Hong Kong would continue unchanged and that the

people of the colony could

be sure of Britain's determi-

nation to make the transition

to Chinese rule a success.

But, who does he actually report

to? "I report to the central gov-

ernment," he replies. Yes, but

to who in the central govern-

ment? "A number of people,"

Is it true that there is fighting

within the Chinese government for control of Hong Kong affairs and that this might make his po-

sition difficult? He shrugs. "I don't know how Whitehall

works," he says and is told that

it consists of a lot of power cen-

tres jostling for control. He chuckles appreciatively when it is evident that he is being asked

if the same sort of thing is

He shrugs this off. Are any

members of his cabinet party members? He finally says no.

adding: "If they were I would

Some people have suggested Mr Tung is a member of China's ruling Communist Party.

happening in China.

he says.

repeated his confidence in Chris Patten a former chairman of the Conservative Party, who was

more than a gentle warming of Middle East troubleshooter. returns to the region tomorrow. Under the new Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright. Washington seems to have resigned itself to a more

active role. It has been pressing Mr Netanyahu to come up with confidence-building measures, and US officials are now expected to take part in all negotiating sessions. Previously, the Clinton administration had preferred to

let the two sides solve their own problems, reserving its intervention for the final, critical

This is clearly no longer enough. David Afek, the disenchanted head of the Israeli Foreign Ministry research department, went so far last week as to pronounce the peace process dead.

It will take all the skill and leverage the Americans can

Hong Kong's new ruler speaks in riddles

Stephen Vines interviews the man Peking has put in charge of the colony

Hong Kong — Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's Chief Exec-utive designate, gives new meaning to the word opaque. Confronted with awkward questions, he smiles, pressed to answer, he smiles even more broadly and cheerfully delivers a reply to something which has not been asked.

For weeks he has been battered by criticism over plans to whittle down the colony's civil rights laws and he has ducked and weaved in response to the criticism. Yesterday he choose to explain his position to two small groups of British and American journalists, the people he has accused of spreading misinformation about Hong Kong, The aim, presumably, was o answer his critics and let the butside world know that, as he but it, the new Hong Kong will have an "equitable, compassionate and democratic society".

He insisted that the changes to the laws will simply bring Hong Kong into line with other countries. The proposed new restrictions on demonstrations, which will make it virtually impossible to call a rally at short notice, are, he says "either the same or less restrictive than else-

where". The freedom to demonstrate would be preserved and the new administration had no intention of stifling protest. But, he stresses; "We have to find a balance between the rights of the individual to demonstrate and

Mr Tung has talked a great deal about Chinese values and the pride which Hong Kong should take in putting them into practice. Asked what exactly were these Chinese values he lists: "An emphasis on family, education, respect for old people and an emphasis on quiet consultation rather than

confrontation." Could these values not also be described as being part of the non-Chinese Christian-Judaic tradition, he was asked. As ever Mr Tung smiled, and smiled again, finally saying: The emphasis is very different". Having lived in Britain he was not prepared to suggest that no one there adhered to these



Modest magnate: Tung Chee-hwa says Hong Kong will be 'equitable and democratic'

Kingdom people also work very hard," he conceded.

As the questioning intensified he threw his hands up in the air. "My God," he said, "this is not a press interview, it's a philosophical discussion."

self as a practical man. A former shipping magnate, he is used to commanding a large company without the hindrance

Mr Tung likes to think of him- gled with evident perplexity. The problem is that he is no longer a chief executive of a big company but the chief executive of a part of China, a country of public scrutiny, yet he takes ruled by an authoritarian and

Photograph: AFP

means that Mr Tung must report to his masters in Peking. His critics say he is doing no more than carrying out their wishes, but he insists that Hong Kong has been promised a high degree of autonomy by China.

He is so pragmatic that he is even looking forward to better relations with a Labour government, despite having been a donor to the Conservatives' 1992 election fund. "I hope," he says, "that the Labour govern-ment will look at the whole issue in a much more macro way. Look at the long-term relations between Hong Kong and Britain and China and Britain." He believes it is important "to put behind all the argument. Let's sit down and say these things need to be done".

Is Mr Tung frustrated that his message is not understood? "Not really frustrated as such," he says, adding modestly: "I'm not skilful enough to present my

significant shorts

Tehran accuses British diplomat of spying

A hardline Iranian newspaper accused Britain's top diplomat in Tehran of being a member of MI6. The daily Kayhan quoted an unnamed French diplomat as telling its sister weekly in Paris that Jeffrey James, charge d'affaires at the British embassy in Tehran, belonged to the Secret Intelligence Service. It quoted an unnamed informed source in Tehran as saying Iranian officials were investigating the case and that it was possible Mr James

Radio Australia gagged

The Australian government put Radio Australia's independence into question, saying the overseas station should not interfere in other countries by broadcasting news of their internal affairs - even coups. Liberal Senator Judith Troeth said pro-government senators did not want the radio station to broadcast an alternative voice to any government's view, even if the government had seized

Call to relax ivory trade ban

Delegates to a conference on the African elephant argued against repealing a ban on ivory trade, saying the alternative would be a return to widespread poaching. "If that happens, the African elephant will be in danger of final extinction," Perez Olindo, director of the African Elephant Foundation International said. Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe have made proposals for the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species to consider loosening the ban on ivory trade at its annual conference next month in Zimbabwe. AP - Johannesburg

Indonesians defy military

Supporters of a minority Indonesian party held processions in two major cities, ignoring warnings by the military that parades were banned during the general election campaign. The Muslim-oriented United Development Party supporters paraded in the capital Jakarta and in Yogyakarta.

Blair warned on Kashmir

The chief of India's Jammu and Kashmir state urged the new Labour government to ignore Kashmiri separatists' pleas and not meddle in the regional conflict dividing India and Pakistan. Chief minister Farooq Abdullah said he hoped Tony Blair would concentrate on solving his nation's own "problems", and not interfere in Kashmir. Indian Party's stance on Kashmir. Reuters - New Delhi

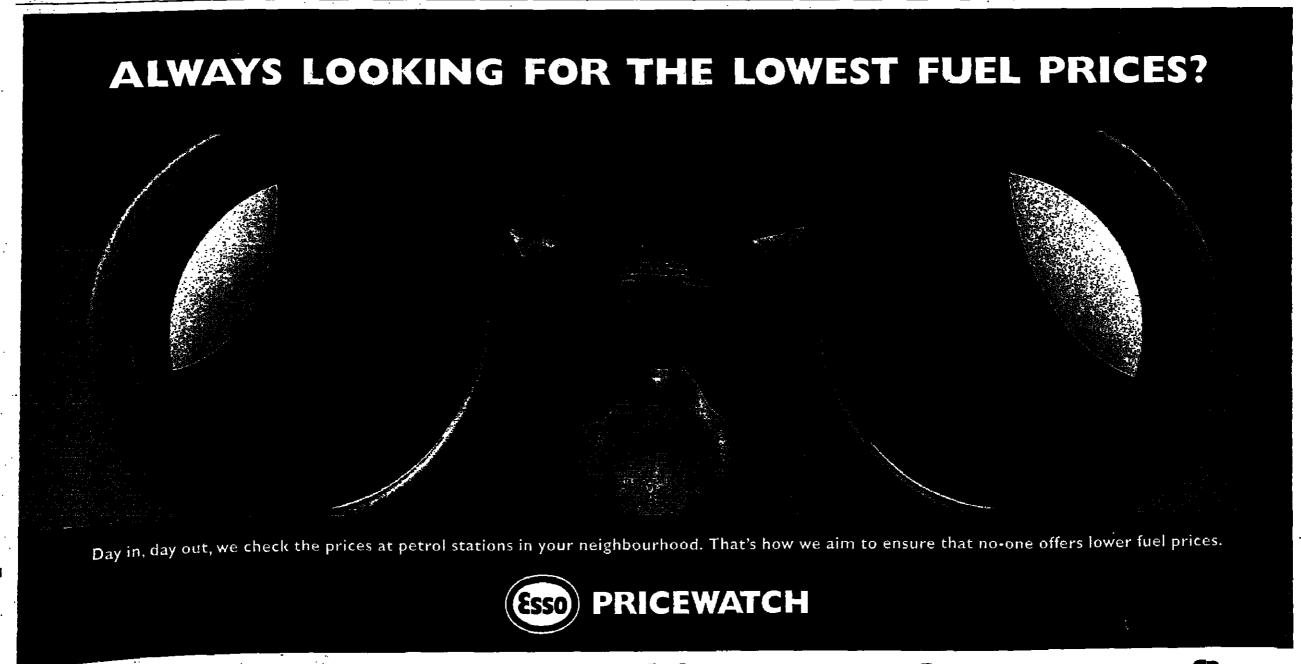
Money-laundering exposed

Belgian tax authorities are investigating a report that foreign leaders, political parties, sects and private individuals are laundering cash through bank accounts in Luxembourg. The weekly financial newsletter Factuel said the accounts belonged among others to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko. Reuters - Brussets

Yemen election claims

The secretary-general of Yemen's ruling General People's Congress, Abdul-Karim al-Iryani, said it won 187 seats in the 301-member parliament in elections. Some 39 independents had joined the GPC making it the largest bloc in parliament. He said the Islah Party, the GPC's Islamist coalition partner, had won 54 seats.





Narciso Yepes

Narciso Yepes was the leading Spanish guitarist of his generation, gaining a reputation second only to that of the great Andrés Segovia. The surprising thing is that he was so little influenced by that international and omnipresent figure. Born in Lorca in 1927, Yepes

was given his first guitar by his father when he was four years old. Serious lessons began when he was six, and in 1940 he went to study at the Conservatoire of Music in Valencia. He learnt much from the pianist and composer Vicente Asencio, whose approach to music had a considerable influence on his guitar style.

In 1946 he was invited to Madrid, reports of his skill having reached the ears of Ataulfo Argenta, the conductor of the National Orchestra of Spain. The following year he made his solo debut, playing that mainstay of the guitar concerto repertory, Joaquín Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez. His début in Paris four years later was highly acclaimed, but it was not until 1952, as the composer and performer of the music to René Clement's film Jew Interdits, that he reached a wider and more general audience.

Even then his name did not become familiar, and budding guitarists would ask in music shops for a piece called "Jeax Interdits", or "Forbidden Games", or sometimes "Juegos Prohibidos". The music that took their fancy was, in fact, a traditional piece called "Spanish Romance or alternatively "Romance d'Amour', of which Yepes was the arranger rather

music followed, notably for La fille aux yeux d'or in 1961. Nevertheless, his work as a touring concert performer took precedence over his composing. He toured South America in 1957, went to Japan in 1960, and made his first appearance in the United States in 1964.

A long-standing contract with Deutsche Grammophon produced many recordings ranging widely over the guitar repertory and including arrangements of Telemann and Scarlatti, the latter showing his art in all its crystalline quality.

Along with Segovia, Julian Bream, John Williams and Pepe

Romero, his recordings were bought by the general public a considerable achievement given the painfully slow process by which classical guitarists generally attain prominence. Having reached that point, his recordings stayed there. Only recently, I heard his exquisitely crafted Scarlatti in a café in Krakow, and marvelled anew at what Yepes called the "Mediter-ranean clarity" of the music, in which the borrowed cadences of Spain - keenly felt by Yepes make their distinctive contribution. Yepes believed, as most guitarists do, that the finger's direct contact with the strings imparts a special expressivity to harpsichord music.

Early in the 1960s Yepes became concerned enough with the limitations of his six-stringed instrument to look for alternatives. He designed an instrument with ten strings and commissioned its construction from the Spanish luthier Jose Ramirez. Its extra bass strings, tuned to C, B flat, A flat and G



'Light and agile like a butterfly': Yepes with the ten-stringed guitar he designed

flat, would not have appealed to Segovia, to whom any guitar with more - or fewer - than six strings was anathema.

Yepes claimed that the additional strings enabled him to approach the piano music of Manuel de Falla (who wrote only one piece for the guitar) and Isaac Albéniz (who wrote none). It is worth remembering that Julian Bream in the early part of his career played such an instrument, abandoning it only when - like Segovia and so many other guitarists - he came to the conclusion that limiting the number of strings to six could actually enhance expressiveness, though at the cost of restricting the physical range.

own way, and was rewarded with some excellent music for the ten-stringed instrument composed by Maurice Ohana. The dodecaphonist Bruno Maderna also composed a piece for him. Y después, inspired by a poem of Federico Garcia Lorca.

Yepes made, in 1956, the first of very many recordings of Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez. In a recent interview, the composer's daughter said that her father had told her that Yepes's version came close in spirit to what he had in mind, and we should remember that it is not a work that dazzles by its extroversion but should be, in Rodrigo's words, "light and agile like a butterfly," its sounds "hidden within the breeze

which rustles the foliage" of the gardens of Aranjuez. Yepes captured all this perfectly.

He was also a lutenist of ability, and recorded all the Bach lute works. The Baroque lute was not, however, an instrument with which he gave concerts: carrying around a guitar was quite enough trouble, and in addition he found that an audience's attention span - in those days - did not extend much beyond 35 minutes of lute music.

An engaging and empathetic personality made Yepes an umusually persuasive teacher, particularly in the public format of a masterclass. Never an authoritarian, never a mandarin, he reached his students' minds with a judicious mixture of hu-

mour and information that greatly facilitated the learning process. An invariable custom was to draw more attention to a student's strong points than to the weak. As he put it. "As you grow in your strengths, you will forget your weaknesses". Many students, including those who

Photograph: Class

taught them that particular piece of wisdom. Narciso Garcia Yepes, guitarist and composer: born Lorca.

subsequently became teachers.

will remember with gratitude

that it was Narciso Yepes who

Spain 14 November 1927; married Marysia Szummakowska (one son, one daughter); died Lorca 3 May 1997.

Sri Madhava Ashish

Sri Madhava Ashish, as he became, was a distinguished Hindu mystic with many European followers, who began his life as a conventional member of the old officer class.

He was christened Alexander Phipps: his father was a colonel in the Indian Army. His greatgrandfather had been a Scottish laird. His mother, who was a Campbell, had been born in Sri Lanka (then Ceylon): the family also had West Indian connections.

Phipps was at a preparatory school at Hove with a navalist headmaster who was also a mountaineer, and went on to Sherborne, where he acquired a public-school accent and manner - in today's England regarded as old-fashioned - that he never quite lost. He grew to be over six feet tall, with dark hair and a handsome face; he had gentle manners and a raliant personality.

Instead of going to a university, he went to Chelsea Polytechnic to study aeronautical engineering, which interested him, and was thus in a reserved occupation when the Second World War broke out in 1939. His younger brother joined the Royal Air Force, and did not survive the war.

Phipps repaired aircraft for the RAF at Doncaster and at Brooklands in Surrey. He was directed to work in a factory building gliders, to carry the air-borne divisions, and went out to India to pursue the same task there, at Dum-Dum near Calcutta. He found himself repairing Spitfire engines instead. During a spell of leave in 1944 he visited the Ramana Ma-

harshi ashram at Tiruvannamalai, south-west of Madras, and was profoundly impressed. At the end of the war's restrictions on his movements he stayed in India, and set out to find a guru. He was helped in his quest by Esther Merston, who years before had sat in Paris at the feet of the great Russian mystic Gurdjieff.

They found two, at a remote ashram in the Himalayas called Mirtola (near Almora) in the Kumaun. 7,000 feet above sea level and far away from anywhere. A Bengali saint called Sri Yashodara Mai, wife of the vice-chancellor of Benares university, had founded it in 1930 with an English disciple, Sri Krishna Prem, formerly, as Ronald Nixon, a Cambridge philosophy graduate and a fighter pilot in the First World War. She had died recently; her daughter Moti Rani had taken her place.

Phipps changed his name, on becoming a Vaishnav monk, and accepted the full austerities involved: no meat, no fish, no hot water, food seldom even warm, constant meditation, a perpetual struggle to subdue the flesh and channel the emotions. He "realised", as the discipline has it, in 1956. By then Moti Rani had been five years dead and Sri Krishna Prem followed her in 1965.

Ashish was thus in charge of the monastery; at one time he had nearly a hundred disciples. and many more hangers-on as well. He discussed the doctrines of Brahmanism, psychology, and theosophy; and, harking back perhaps to his great-grandfather. felt responsible also for the agricultural life of the tiny hillside communities within walking distance. The farm beside the ashram became a place where the local cultivators could come and learn new methods of digging, draining and planting and he played a substantial local part in keeping the Himalayan en-

vironment pure. He wrote, as well as talking, on philosophy; several learned articles ("The Guru as Exam-

Human Evolution" was one), and two difficult books, one his own - Man. Son of Man, 1970 - the other with Sri Krishna Prem. Man The Measure of All Things (1969), about the world view of Helena Petrovna Blav-

atsky, the founder of theosophy. Sri Madhava Ashish had been working for some months on a full-length life of Sri Krishna Prem, but had not completed it before a protracted struggle with cancer killed him. No one who had the chance to hear him talk is likely to forget him quick-ly; an Indian obituary of him calls him "the last English saint".

M. R. D. Foot

From a shy, introverted youth Sri Madhava Ashish changed over the years under the guidance of Sri Krishna Prem to a man of certainty and strength. writes Penelope Phipps.

The life of the ashram seeks the razor-edge balance between the Inner and the Outer life. Meditation and a thrice-daily symbolic offering of the Ele-ments and the Senses to the Source alternate with a practi-



Ashish: 'the last English saint

cal life of milking, farming, carpentry, letters and accounts, all actions being done with concentration and love as an offering to the Inner - especially the preparation of food.

As far as possible the Mirto la ashram is self-supporting, growing wheat, barley, rye, sweetcom and some fruit. The farm produces milk, butter and ghee. An airy cowshed facing south has wire-meshing to keep out leopards and Bhutia dogs with curled "up and over" tails wear spiked collars for the same reason.

Visitors made their way to this small, remote, high-up, simple ashram from all over the world, and left with more wisdom, direction and purpose.

The old truths need expressing in new ways" said Ashish, and what was taught was universal to all religions - the truth of the biblical"I am that I am". The essence of his teaching is summed up in an extract from a letter.

The root of the mystery of being lies at the root of the awareness which being is or can be aware that he is aware. When that self-awareness is traced to its inner source, then only can the identity of the individual with the universal be found, then only can the mystery of being be solved. And only when there are enough such individuals can sanity return through them to our troubled world.

A book by him on dream interpretation is currently seeking

a publisher. In 1992 the Indian Government gave Ashish the Padma Shri award for Scientific Services to Agriculture. As a result of his work, agriculture is now taught in schools in the hills surrounding Mirtola up to year ten. It is said that there is a comet in the sky when a great rishi dies.

There was one in December 1965 when Sri Krishna Prem died. There is one now.

Alexander Phipps (Sri Madhava Ashish), mystic born Edinburgh 20 February 1920; died Mirtola. plar and Guide to the Term of India 13 April 1997.

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Bo Widerberg

Some film-makers begin as writers and go on to the making of films. It is as if for such writers mere words are not enough to express their vision of life's moving images.

Such was the case of Bo Widerberg, who started writing as an adolescent, contributing essays and reviews to provincial Swedish journals, until in the 1950s he had his own columns of literary and film criticism in the popular Stockholm newspaper Expressen. Then he started publishing short stories and novels. There was an autobiographical novella, En Stuhl, Madame (1961), and among a useless husband just for conhis novels were Erotikon (1957) and Den grünen draken (1965). They were all works of their period, and have not worn well.

But his film criticism led to the composition of an important work in the history of the Swedish cinema. Visionen i svensk film (1962), a collection of virulent essays that was a ground-breaking attack on the domination of state organisations in the production of Swedish films, which had reached a low watermark of mediocrity. With the arrival of the nouvelle vague, young aspirant directors began to question the domination of official systems of funding and distribution, and also the supremacy of older directors.

Widerberg even assailed Ingmar Bergman, accusing him of "giving credence to all the most wretched myths about us and our compatriots, and encouraging false preconceived notions of Swedish culture that foreigners expect to see confirmed in their films". He demanded a new cinema dealing with contemporary issues and neglect-

young directors who supported with themes in such Bergman him were Vilgot Sjöman and Jorn Donner, who prepared the way for others in the Sixties like Mai Zetterling, Jan Troell and Henning Carlsen. In the same year, Widerberg

made his first television film, a short called Pöjken och draken ("Little boy with a kite") - one of his hobbies was kite-flying, an enthusiasm often embraced by people with original minds. Again in 1962 he went on to make his first feature, Barnvagen young unmarried mother who refuses to shackle herself with

dark, stark social realism. The scripts were written by Widerberg, who used his experience as a novelist to create scenarios with imaginative, hardhitting dialogue. Nineteen sixty-three saw the

foundation, by Harry Schein, of the Swedish Film Institute, to encourage the teaching and production of films. Widerberg was now able to direct his first really important film, Kvarteret Korpen (Raven's End. 1963) which brought him international recognition and starred his discovery, the young actor Thommy Berggren, who appeared in several of Widerberg's works (he had already played one of the young lovers

in Barnvagen).
This remarkable evocation of the sombre lives of workers in the Thirties in Widerberg's home city, Malmö, was shot in gritty black-and-white, with documentary realism. Berggren plays Widerberg himself as a youth determined to become a writer in a working-class world where his parents struggle to ed social themes. Among the make ends meet. The contrast

works as Sommematans leende (Smiles of a Summer Night, 1955) and Jungfrukällen (The Virgin Spring, 1960), created shock waves in Sweden, but this and the two films that followed, Kärlek (Love 65, 1965), about the sentimental problems of a young director, and Heja Roland ("Hello Roland", 1966), did not have any significant international impact.
It was in 1967 that Widerberg

had his greatest international ("The Perambulator") about a success with an extraordinarily beautiful film, a tragic lovesuicide tale, Elvira Madigan. To the music of the Ehvira Madivention's sake. The film has a gan theme (Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21), a young married cavalry officer falls in love with a beautiful circus high-wire dancer. He deserts and they elope into the forests of northem Sweden - the script was based on an actual event that shocked 19th-century Swedish society. It is the sort of Wagnerian tragedy that could only happen in northern climes: one cannot imagine it happening in the sunny south. It is an idyll sumptuously photographed in impressionistic style, with magniticent performances by Berggren and Pia Degermark, who was awarded the Best Actress prize at Cannes.

Anita Björk starred in Widerberg's next movie, Adulen 31, which won the Special Jury Prize at Cannes in 1969 and the Best Foreign Film award by the US Film Critics' Guild. It marked a return, after the exceptional Elvira Madigan, to documentary realism. It chronicles the tragic strikes at a paper mill at Adalen in the far north of Sweden in 1931, that are ended when the army is called in and a number of strik-

Freddy Randall, juzz trumpeter, 76;

Mr Alan Ross, writer and publisher,

75; The Right Rev John Taylor, for-mer Bishop of St Albans, 68; Mr Nor-

Births: Sigmund Freud, neurologist

and psychoanalyst, 1856; Rudolph Valentino, actor, 1895; Stewart

Granger, actor, 1913; George Orson

Welles, actor, director and writer,

1915. Deaths: Cornelius Jansen, the

ologian, 1638; Wilfrid Hyde White, actor, 1991; Marlene Dietrich, ac-tress, 1992. On this day. King Hen-

man Whiteside, footballer, 32.

Anniversaries



orary issues and neglected social themes Photograph: Kobal

ers are shot dead. It is the same motif, passionately proletarian, emotional rather than ideological, that is seen in Raven's End and that was continued in his next film, the underrated Ballad of Joe Hill. made in America in 1971, about one of the revolutionary heroes of the American trade union movement. This film also won a prize at Cannes, but failed to extend the director's interna-

tional reputation. Widerberg turned to making a series of thrillers, competent but well below his best. It was not until 1987 that he was able to make another film in his old lyrical style with Onnens vag på hålleberget (The Serpent's Way), based on a sombre novel by an author from the deep north. Torgav Lindgren. describing struggles for power in the little village of Vasterbotten. This tale is a social melodrama that is also a parable about political and commercial rapacity, showing that Widerberg's original talents of the 1960s remained intact. But by this time, the Swedes and the rest of the world were beyond shock, and the film had little commercial success.

Nineteen ninety-six saw Widerberg's final return to the screen, with Lust och faegring stor (All Things Fair), again set in Malmö and telling the true story of an adolescent boy who has a love affair with an older woman, his school teacher. played with luminous restraint by Marika Lagercrantz. Widerberg's son Johan played a part in this work, which was nomi-

Duck. His work is the unique heritage of an artist who was remarkable for his part in the rejuvenation of Swedish cinema. for the integrity of his social

commitment and the grandeur

of his cinematic vision.

gory of Best Foreign Film.

Throughout his career,

Widerberg made a number of

superb television adaptations of

classic plays, among them Death

of a Salesman, A Streetcar

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Father and Ibsen's The Wild

James Kirkup Bo Widerberg, writer and film director: born Malmö, Sweden 8 June 1930; married 1953 Ann-Mari Björklung, 1957 Vanja Nettelbladt: died Aengelholm 1

UK citizen's spouse not entitled to remain indefinitely

LAW REPORT 6 May 1997

May 1997.

indefinite leave to remain in the United Kingdom, when they had entered from another member state of the to the United Kingdom to

> constitutions had reached inconsistent decisions.

provides: A member of the family who is not a national of a Member State shall be issued with a residence document

gave them an entitlement to exactly the same rights as those enjoyed by their spouses, which represented an amal-

entitled to live here, and to re-

worked abroad. They could not be deported. Their spouses did not, on marriage, automatically become entitled to identical rights. Their entry into the United Kingdom was subject to immigation control and in certain circumstances an order might be made for their deportation.

plicants were entitled to indefinite leave to remain as a matter of Community law. That was not, however, an entitle-

If that argument were correct. it would follow that the en-titlement available to nationals of any other member state of the Community and their spouses would as a matter of Community law be different

their spouses. No authority in Community or national law had been cited in support of the proposition that the two separate systems created independently of each other by the Community and the United Kingdom should, as a matter of Com-

munity law, be treated as a single system. Although care must be taken to apply relevant Community provisions and to give effect to EC Treaty rights, there was no sound basis for concluding that rights under Community law should be elided or amalgamated with those arising under domestic law within

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

DEATHS

NICHOLL: Professor Donald, aged 73, on 3 May, at home after a long illness, the dearly lowed husband of Dorothy and much-loved father, grandfather and brother. RIP. Requirem Mass will be celebrated at Keele University Chamble on Eriday 8 May at 11.30am. Family flowers only, Donations, if desired, to either Cafod or Christian Aid via Funeral Directors (McGough & Sons, telephone 01782 834300). Memorial service to be hald a breat of the results. be held at a later date.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BARON: Dr Cart, formerly Academic Registrar, University of Hull (formerly Senior Tutor, St Catharine's Col-lege, Cambridge). A Memorial Ser-vice will be held in Beverley Minster on Saturday 7 June 1997, at 12 noon. All former pupils and colleagues are invited to attend.

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Forthcoming marriages Mr W. R. Wood

and Miss S. M. J. Bonini The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Shirley Wood, of Lliber. Spain, and the late William Wood, and Sheila, daughter of Professor Charles P. Bonini, of Stanford, California, and Dr Cissie Rafferty, of Scotts Valley, California.

Birthdays

Sir John Arnold, former High Court Judge, 82; General Sir Jeremy Blacker, former Master-General of the Ordnance, 58; Mr Tony Blair MP. Prime Minister, 44; Professor Rosemary Cramp, archaeologist, 68; Sir Frank Ereaut, former Bailiff of Jersey, 78; Mr Robert Fell, former chief executive, Stock Exchange, 76; Miss Alessandra Ferri, ballerina, 34; Maj-Gen John Hamilton-Jones, conant, Cubic Defense Systems, 71; Mr John Henderson, former Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire, 77; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Martell, 85: Mr

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

TRO TALL ENGLASTEDIENTS
The Duke of Edinburgh presents the 1607 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion and attends a celebration of 25 years of the Templeton Prize.

Royal, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, visit Typicish, Pringly Literary Property at Westgate-Hill Primary School, Newcastle upon Rue, and S. Freigh's Ruman Cathodie Primary School, New School, School School, Springly School, Seventhal Primary School, Newcastle upon Rue, and S. Freigh's Ruman Cathodie Primary School, Newton Shickis: president, Save the Children Pland attends the Wildragens Receptum and Newcastle Children Pland attends the Wildragens Receptum and Newcastle Children Pland.

was the first person to run a mile in under four minutes, 1954. Today is the Feast Day of St Edbert, St Evodius of Antioch. St John Before the Latin Gate and St Petronax.

Changing of the Guard

ry VIII ordered that the Bible should ropean Community with their be placed in every English church, 1536; the island of Manhattan was ouses who are returning to spouses who are returning to the United Kingdom to work, bought from the Indians by the Dutch settler, Peter Minuit, for trinkets worth about \$25, 1626; the first postage stamp, the Penny Black, d, 1840; Roger Banniste

> ropean Community. Both had been working in Germany. His application for indefinite that his wife was exercising her European Community rights in returning to the

Home Department: Zeghraba v Secretary of State of the Home Department: Court of Appeal Mohammed Zeghraba, a cit-(Lord Justice Smart Smith, Lord izen of Algeria, entered the

Justice Otton and Lord Justice United Kingdom with his wife, Judge) 23 April 1997 also a British citizen with a right of abode in the United King-Non-European Community nadom and citizenship of the Eutionals, married to United ropean Community, from the Kingdom citizens, who enter the United Kingdom from an-Republic of Ireland. other member state of the Eu-He applied for indefinite leave to remain "as the spouse

are not thereby entitled to indefinite leave to remain. Sarabjit Singh Sahota, a citizen of India, entered the United Kingdom with his wife, who Tribunal, was a British citizen with a right of abode in the United Kingdom and a citizen of the Eu-

leave to remain, on the basis United Kingdom, was granted by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal. The Home Secretary

work.

of a European Community national who is exercising her right of freedom of movement as a worker under Article 48 of the Treaty of Rome". He appealed against the refusal of leave by the Immigration Appeal

Richard Plender QC (Treusury Solicitor) for the Home Secretary; Peter Duffy (Edward McCourt & Co. Walferd).

Lord Justice Judge said that both appeals raised the issue whether spouses of citizens of the United Kingdom. who were not themselves nationals of any member state of the European Community. were entitled to be granted

turn if they had travelled and Community, accompanying their spouses who had returned The Immigration Appeal Tribunal sitting in two different

It was submitted for the aplicants that Article 4.4 of Council Directive 68/360, which

which shall have the same validity as that issued to the worker on whom

gam of those provided by Community law and national The applicants' wives were It was submitted that the ap-

ment envisaged by any relevant Community regulation or di-rective, and would be confined to British citizens and their

and more restricted that those available to the applicants. That would involve a dis-

the territory of member states for their own nationals and their spouses. Accordingly the applicants' primary submission

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Action please, not words, on power-sharing

n all the scenes of relief and jubi- more radical in government than in lation last week, not to mention the Continuing excitement at the sheer novelty of it all, the air of calm about the incoming Prime Minister was striking. Despite being released from the that his government should translate that his government should translate constraints of vote-catching, Tony Blair continued to deliver his single transferable speech for the campaign, three times on election night and again on the steps of Downing Street on Friday. John Prescott skipped into Number 10 with a boyish "I've always wanted to do this", but Mr Blair remained resolute in his self-control. Many of those watching on television were puzzled. Surely he could say what he likes now, he doesn't have to be so careful. Does he not realise that he has won?

The truth is that he has won one election, but is already campaigning for the next. The one thing that is known about the character of the man who will rule us for the next four or five years is that he is serious about the acquisition and use of power. And Mr Blair will clearly have learnt one lesson from John Major, which is that he spent too much time

governing and not enough campaigning. This may seem a slightly depressing observation, and there will certainly be a sense of anti-climax among those who hoped the control freaks would allow the "real" Mr Blair out now. The Independent is not among those, on both sides of politics, who accepted at face value his promise that he would be

opposition. Nor do we think the real Mr Blair is different from the elusive, serious-minded person who presented some of the rhetoric of a "new politics" into reality.

We urged him to invite Liberal Democrats to serve in his administration; he has not. But that is part of the post-landslide logic of politics. Had Paddy Ashdown agreed to join the Blair government, he would have had to make Blair offer him something first - in other words, to change a policy, perhaps on voting reform, which had just been endorsed by Labour voters at the polls. New Labour would have been outraged. But if Ashdown had joined without such a change, he would have split his own party merely for the pleasure of helping to implement another party's programme.

All in all, then, the better part of valour. Yet valour is still needed. So far the Prime Minister has offered the rhetoric of pluralism and the fact of centralism. He should consider further the lessons of his great landslide.

The last landslide in this country was, after all, the one which brought him into the Commons and which, as much as any political event, shaped his outlook. He always expressed his distaste for the defeatism which proclaimed that Margaret Thatcher did not have a If parliamentary seats were allocated



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true democratic mandate in 1983 because she won her 144-seat majority on an unfair electoral system with only 44 per cent of the vote.

He recognised that it was Labour's failure which allowed her to win, and that some of what she did was necessary and right. But there was a dangerous and undemocratic absence of checks and balances. That was how he spoke at the time. The question now is how much Mr Blair will volunteer to subject his own rule to democratic restraint.

Let us spell out the arithmetic. Labour won 44.4 per cent of the vote. proportionally, Mr Blair would command 285 MPs, rather than the 419 he now has. (The other, more satisfying, paradox is that the Tories would have had 201 seats instead of 165; perhaps they will now come round to electoral reform in the way that they are turning to devolution in Scotland and Wales, where they failed to win a single seat.)

The Liberal Democrats achieved a breakthrough to win 46 seats, but still have fewer than half the 110 they would have in a proportional system.

All that is, for Mr Blair, beside the point. There is no perfect system, be

for change. Leave aside the obvious riposte, that the present system is the least perfect of all, and let us concentrate on Mr Blair's desire to stay in power for a long time.

There has been some loose talk about how the size of Labour's landslide guarantees Mr Blair a second parliamentary term. It does no such thing. Clement Attlee's postwar victory, a 146seat majority, lasted just six years (although there's another argument for electoral reform: Labour actually won more votes in 1951 than the Conservatives). And there is some evidence that the electorates of advanced Western democracies are becoming more volatile. There was the collapse of the Socialist Party in France, the mid-term Republican landslide in America in 1994, the Canadian wipe-out and so on.

Electoral reform is an issue which is not of central importance to the British voter. And the referendum which has been promised is not an early priority for the new government. There is much to be done for jobs and education. But if Mr Blair is serious in his large talk of a new political settlement for this country, it is an essential catalyst. It could give a progressive government of the centre a lock on power that was quite different in nature from the elective dictatorship of the past 18 years.

So, he has not brought Liberal Democrats into government. He may says, so he is not persuaded of the case not have decided yet whether annexa-

tion or partnership is his goal. But there are other ways of skinning this cat - real devolution, open government, the use of outside advisers, freer rules for civil servants ... and then voting reform too. In his euphoria, Mr Blair, with his middle-distance stare with which we will all become more familiar, is already looking towards 2001 and 2002. Let us hope that gazing into the future will persuade him to share some of the unprecedented power which the British people. have lent him.

A very human

Yo a computer, Deep Blue, beats Garry Kasparov at chess. Its makers, IBM, are jumping up and down with glee. More than that, they are trying to assure the world that the chess game, and all the technological development which was poured into it, was really about creating a better world. After the Kasparov game, IBM will be better able to forecast the weather, develop gene therapies and so on. Maybe. But let us not be fooled. Weather forecasting wasn't why a bunch of programmers created Deep Blue any more than rocket scientists are really trying to develop better toasters. They wanted to beat Kasparov. It is a very human thing to want to do.

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Colin Brown 1.5

Thatcherism". in the prosperous market town of Maidstone. Near to the court building was a political hoarding

As a Labour voter, I celebrated long into the early hours of Friday start and a rejuvenation of British society. Whether I shall still vote Labour in five years' time will inequality and deprivation and restoring pride and opportunity. BILLSTONEHAM Maidstone, Kent

Sir: Paul Cavadino laments (letter. 2 May) the overcrowding in Britain's jails, which he attributes to "an increasingly crude penal policy". Perhaps that is indeed the cause. But could he also, from his presumably informed position as chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, say to what extent, if any, the problem might be due to more people committing crimes for which the penalty is imprisonment? MICHAEL PHILLIPS Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

Three parties in a new world

rejection of hard-right ideology. This is shown not only in the disastrous performance of the Conservative Party but also in a very poor showing of the anti-European, anti-abortion and antiblack candidates. Tony Blair has brilliantly

articulated this anti-Conservative mood and I congratulate him. He has yet to articulate his vision of what he is for. In this task, the presence of the strongest third party force since 1929 can play a vital part. These MPs are an extremely able group of people elected on a clear philosophy and clear policies. They will have a vital part to play in the next parliament. What sort of part that will be may have something to do with what Blair does next. Earl RUSSELL Liberal Democrat Social Security Spokesman House of Lords

London SWI Sir: Following their momentous rout, the Conservatives will now be trying to discover what went wrong. While I see no need to comment on all the more recent reasons, may I point to a much earlier one which

they may possibly overlook? It is well known that Margaret Thatcher was inclined to surround herself only with those who were "one of us". She ensured that many

Here are the causes of crime

Sir: On the Tuesday before election day, I visited my local magistrates' court and sat in on a number of

Each case I witnessed had a common theme – young, uneducated people, pleading guilty to mainly petty criminal offences. The majority of the defendants were unrepresented, were either in low-paid employment or were without work and clearly had insufficient education to comprehend the language of the court. Each defendant could be regarded as a "child of

This was not a scene unfolding in a depressed inner-city area; it was proclaiming, "Britain is Booming-Don't Let Labour Blow It".

morning. I long and hope for a new depend strongly on how successful the new government is in attacking

diversity, in her coterie. An Sir: This election marks a decisive

those blue-rosetted corpses whirling along the nation's neplected and crumbling sewage of the 40 Veils. For three years they've

> What contours will the belated Hattie Jacques? Or a replicant Tory-mugged victims uneasily displeasing - impact on liver and bowels than on loins? How stocking is simply shocking - and off-putting.

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that those who remained were all from the same mould. There was then no in-built resilience, or, to use a scientific analogy, biological understandable strategy, perhaps, in the very short term, but this legacy has meant that in the longer term the Conservatives have not been equipped to temper their own excesses, nor have they been capable of responding sensibly to new challenges, as they discovered to their cost last Thursday.

Fortunately, there are signs that the new Labour government recognises the need for diversity in both opinion and expertise and sees it as a strength and not as a

Dr IAN R MCLAUCHLIN Dursley, Gloucestershire

Sir: After the Moment of Truth - all pipes - we face the Moment of Ecdysiasm. At last, New Labour's troupe of swaying odalisques must start shedding fabric in their Dance

ploddingly resisted every prurient hoot, every wolf-whistle to reveal so much as an ankle or wristbone. striptease reveal? Raquel Welch? Margaret Hilda? Why are so many gripped by the anticipation that the shedding will have a stronger - and maddening if that glimpse of Tony's JOHN SHEPPARD

Tatton triumph for Rousseau

Sir: In the spirit of your electionday banner from The Social Contract of Rousseau, it is specially fitting that Martin Bell should have become the Member of Parliament for Tatton. No other MP can claim to uphold a Rousseauist notion of the general will, free of all patronage or party allegiance; he alone, in his political career, need never fear the lash of a whip.

The man he defeated stands accused of a breach (which he denies) of the most fundamental of all Rousseau's principles - that is, of putting his own liberty up for auction and of permitting the public interest to be bought from a private purse. Sir Walter Bromley-Davenport, MP for the same constituency when it was called Knutsford, was a descendant of Richard Davenport, Rousseau's closest friend among Englishmen, who offered him a home in Derbyshire in which he drafted much of his Confessions.

Rousseau would no doubt have approved of an assembly, composed of citizens, like Mr Bell, who might seek to make their colleagues accountable for the questions they pose in chamber and for the gifts they receive. He would certainly have welcomed the arrival of an MP, stirred by conscience and experience, among colleagues whose indifference to the commission of war crimes abroad contributed mightily to the United Kingdom's loss of international

standing over the last parliament. If some of Mr Bell's electors may have had other reasons for supporting his candidacy, they may at least agree with him, and

Rousseau, that tribunes of the people serve them most attentively if they do not aspire to hold their seats for more than one term. ROBERT WOKLER Manchester

The writer is Reader in the History of Political Thought at the University of Manchester

Stop treating men as morons

Sir. Let's hope that company executives and advertisers took note of Jack O'Sullivan's article (Tabloid; "Real men don't get a look-in", 28 April).

I am one of those men who have accepted the collective rubbishing of our lives, yet have not voiced frustration with the present portrayal of men in adverts and soap operas (though I have little time to see the latter). I see men who work hard to support their families, set aside at least one night a week for time with their wife and children and still find time to provide service in the community rather than visit the pub or golf course. I deplore the depiction of women as sex objects, but two demeaning portrayals don't

make a right. Women have rightly gained increasing respect for their role in and out of the home but the i tendency to portray men as

infantile morons does nothing for either cause. Only when both sexes respect each other can the collective confidence of the sexes

For the sake of company profits, the executives ought to be aware that in our home more than half the weekly shopping is done by the KEITH REYNOLDS

Gay protest at Communion

Coventry

Sir: The provost of Southwark Cathedral says "the case of homosexual people will not be furthered" by our protest against Anglican homophobia during Morning Eucharist ("Cathedral protesters confront bishops", 28

This service was attended by the 60 bishops planning the 1998 Lambeth Conference. They are refusing to schedule any serious debate on the issues of gay clergy and homosexual human rights. The indignities suffered by gay people are apparently deemed unworthy of consideration. Faced with their intransigence, we had no option but to confront them.

The leaders of the worldwide Anglican Communion support gay inequality, with the Church in Britain openly discriminating against homosexuals:

Clergy in loving, same-sex relationships live in fear of dismissal (a fear that has been

exacerbated by the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent statement that these priests have no place in the Church). Anglican parishes and anti-gay Christian cults teach that homosexuals need "curing". The Church of England Children's Society prohibits fostering by gay people. When the House of Lords voted on the age of consent, not a single bishop endorsed equality.

Securing homosexual human rights is more important than maintaining the decorum of Morning Eucharist. We cannot be expected to halt our protests while the Church pursues policies of homophobic discrimination. PETER TATCHELL OutRage! London WI

Now to rebuild the art world

Sir: Of course the "culturati hate the Tories" (Jonathan Glancey, "Culture is booming, just don't blow it", 2 May). It was the Tories who eroded those institutions that provided for an educated art world. A society built on greed and selfcentred arrogance will quickly find

its reflection in the slick, superficial art that Mr Glancey describes. Thatcher's people destroyed the fabric of our institutions by denying them funds. Art schools closed. staff shrank in numbers. Business folk made art their plaything, turning the visual arts into a children's world, similar to and even overlapping the pop music industry.

I remember pre-1979 in a very different way. We can't go back, but we can rebuild. NORMAN DILWORTH

Intrepid cyclist takes on killers

Sir: M Fiedler (letter, 2 May) is right that many motorists are inconsiderate. However, I cannot agree with her implication that cycling is too dangerous to contemplate. When you know what you are doing, the dangers of cycling are outweighed by the advantages, and indeed it was found that improved fitness gives cyclists a higher life expectancy than motorists (Cycling for Health and Fitness BMA/OUP 1992).

In a fair world, it would be those who wear armour-plated killing machines who should be required to dress in bright yellow. In practice all too many cyclists dress very inconspicuously indeed.

Probably the greatest mistake cyclists make is to cycle too close past parked cars and generally ride too far to the left. Motorists hoot at me for making legitimate use of right-hand lanes, but in my experience, if they hoot at you that's

a sign you are doing the right thing!
Thanks to such principles, even a cautious coward such as myself can negotiate fast, wide roads such as the big roundabout under Spaghetti Junction with minimal trepidation and with much ROBERT P CLARKE Secretary, Birmingham Cycling

Sir: The cyclist's frustration can be understood, but a day does not go hy when cyclists are not witnessed infringing the law and the rules of

common courtesy.

It appears that cyclists of all ages consider the public footpath to be a cycle lane and they take the shortest route even if it means cycling along a one-way street the wrong way. If children are not brought up to respect even the most civilised and sensible rules, and see them enforced, can we wonder at the greater disrespect for the law? JONATHAN YOUENS

Chamber shaped for conflict

Sidcup, Kent

Sir: I would fully support Derek Jones's call (letter, 5 May) for a fan-shaped Commons chamber. The recognised way of avoiding

confrontational meetings, without stifling strongly expressed opinions, is the fan-shaped or circular chamber. I found long ago that abolishing church council meetings where members glared across the room at each other, and substituting a fan-shaped gathering, allowed business to be conducted more efficiently and with less hassle. This seems to have become the norm in most meetings outside the British Parliament. The debating chambers of most of our European neighbours have the same seating, in a circular or semi-circular plan.

If we are to become a less confrontational nation, with a One Nation ethos, this is a priority, not an optional extra. Canon G H SMITH Kidderminster, Wörcestershire

PM's paper

Sir: Close examination of your Sunday sister's picture (4 May) of the Blairy-eyed Cherie at her Islington door reveals that our new Prime Minister takes The Independent. Clearly a paper for

RICHARD A DO'BRIEN

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Salutary lessons in Army bigotry

When Caroline Meagher (left) joined the military police she thought she would be investigating serious crime. Instead she found herself involved in a witch hunt against lesbians that was to end in disaster when her own affair was uncovered. writes Barbara Machin

'n 1981 Corporal Caro- fears remains a subject of conline Meagher, a talented young military police-woman joined the Army's clite, the Special Investigation Branch (SIB), as a plain clothes detective. The "Feds" are a legendary force with high standards dealing with all serious military crime.

Caroline embarked on her new work with zeal and commitment, seeing this as a fasttrack route to the top in her already promising career. What she could not have foreseen was that her elevation and ambition would lead to accusations of shocking sexual impropriety and dishonesty.

Her story has come to highlight the fierce anti-gay policy embodied by the armed services in the belief that without such restrictive practices, discipline and morale would break down irretrievably and lead to security risks and blackmail. Although the validity of such

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troversy, the extreme and often obsessive methods employed to hunt out gays have come under severe scrutiny. Britain is the only country in the EU still to maintain an anti-homosexual policy in it's armed forces, and was directed by the courts last vear rigorously to re-examine its practices. The pressure is on. All this comes at a time when several cases are set to go before the European Court.

and Caroline Meagher's own

shocking experiences have been

made into a television drama to

I met Caroline 12 years after she had been discharged from the Army. It was only then that she started to unravel the past. She was talking to strangers, heaping painful detail on private humiliation. It wasn't comfortable, it didn't feel good, it was the first time in 12 years she had dared to tell anyone the

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angrily informed the researcher and myself that it felt like she had swapped her Army interrogators for us. But her motive was always clear. This was her story, but it was also the story of hundreds of other forgotten women, a scandal which she felt compelled to exposed.

Caroline Meagher joined the women's army as a starry-eyed young recruit in 1978. Already used to service life (her father is ex-RAF), she survived the bullying and the drill-to-youdrop regime to receive the famous red beret, proudly passthe RMP. Ambitious from the first, she had gained admittance to the Army's best and never looked back. She was popular and fearless, a woman expecting no favours in a man's world. Caroline couldn't believe her

luck when she began work with the SIB. Getting out of uniform details of her story. She once and starting hands-on-investi-

gations into murder, violence and thefts. Caroline felt she had finally arrived. But her euphoria turned to turmoil when she found herself being briefed about the evil influence of lesbians in the women's army and

the need to hunt them down. Filled with horror stories of perversion, dangerous cliques and lesbian rape. Caroline had to accept that lesbian investigations would just be part of her routine detective work with

Investigations were triggered by gossip, tip-offs and undercover surveillance. Caroline regularly spent time with a male colleague watching and visiting army pubs, and following groups of suspected lesbians. It was well known that gay women would make sure they had "smoke-screen" boyfriends and Caroline would find herself dispatched to chat

them up.

She was also shocked to discover the existence of the Lesbian Index, a complex crossreferencing system, later transferred to computer, based largely on unsubstantiated accusations. She was urged to make regular contributions, however tenuous, on the basis that if a name came up enough times, that in itself was grounds for an investigation. When she remarked to her boss that these methods seemed disproportionately

extreme, he talked of senior ranks "taking advantage" and asked her how she would like it, "if one of them came on to Caroline artlessly replied that in her experience it happened all the time with

Prejudice on parade: Helen Baxendale portrays Caroline Meagher in the television dramatisation of her military career

Real disquiet set in one winter's night when she found her-

woman military police staff sergeant became more and more important and turned into love and her first real lesbian relationship. As her training in the interrogation of lesbian suspects continued, her agony increased. While Caroline struggled with the realisation that she might herself be self in a squad storming a gay she was being trained to

 Even when a confession had been obtained, women were pushed to give graphic details of every sexual act?

women's accommodation block, turning out lockers and confiscating sacks of letters and address books. Caroline remembers how she still naïvely believed the SIB's extreme propaganda. "I expected to discover cliques of lesbians with torture instruments. But all we found were terrified women shaken from sleep to find us trashing their bed spaces." One traumatised private dared to scream "SIB, shit in bulk" to her face. Caroline had no reply and, depressed and demoralised, she returned to sift through mountains of confiscated material.

Her confusion deepened as a gentle friendship with a doned her prestigious work as

pressurise lesbians into confessions which would lead to courts martial. Interrogations were routinely brutal. Even when a confession had been obtained, the woman was then pushed to give graphic detail of her every sexual act. When Caroline dared to question this she was assured that many women pretended to be lesbians as an excuse to get out of the Army. The SIB insisted on explicit detail so they could be sure the confession was genuine. The strain became intolerable and Caroline's love affair foundered.

Now she was forced to make a big decision. Caroline abanwent gratefully back into uniform and military police duties. Caroline's love too familiar techniques employed. She found herself marched to an interrogation for the Army was such that, like many in her room where days of endless questions about letters, photos

Caroline enquired why they

you, Caroline," was their reply

Her room was searched, the all

and camp gossip ensued. She endured unremitting hours of salacious slurs and innuendo

were about a minor discrep-

ancy the SIB had unearthed in

her travelling expenses. All

Derry postings were allowed subsidised travel back to the mainland to visit family or

fiancés and rules were routinely fudged to include boyfriends and girlfriends. Rather than lie about making

visits to her family when she

had in fact been travelling to

Edinburgh, Caroline had filled

in her forms giving her lover's name and address. She paid

the price for her honesty: she

The next interrogations

but she refused to confess.

a detective in the SIB and was

posted to Germany, where she

as promoted to sergeant and

attempted to repress her sexuality and make herself go straight. Turning her back on the past she dated men and a relationship with a male sergeant nearly led to marriage. But she couldn't go through with it. It was only after a posting to Edinburgh in 1986 that she fell in love with a female civilian teacher and finally found herself with a chance of personal happi-

All this was shat-

tered when she was

ery? It was a risk they were

going to have to take together.

After all, who knew better than

Caroline how careful they

Northern Ireland was gru-

elling. Long hours and relent-

essly dangerous work wore

her down. Her only solace was

from letters and the occasional

visit from her lover. Infre-

to Edinburgh, the only place

where they could share time

together and be sure they were

not being watched. Meanwhile

a fierce SIB interrogation of

one of the women in her pla-

toon reminded her graphically

of how close she always was to

discovery. One night after a

drunken mess party Caroline

receive a phone call from a

friend, a female senior officer,

inviting her to join her for a

drink in her room. Oppressed

by the camp claustrophobia

and the fear of constant sur-

veillance, Caroline jumped in

her car and drove off the base.

Her departure was noted. The

question of whether or not

she accepted that invitation

Only a few days later two SIB

was to become part of her

downfall,

would have to be.

was charged with obtaining ordered to accom-pany an SIB officer property by deception. Ironically, a month before to a remote posting to her investigation had started Caroline had decided she investigate an alleged abuse of power by a female officer. Suddenly couldn't endure the pressure that Army life put on her rela-Caroline found herself tionship any further and had plunged back into the handed in her resignation. That nightmare. Another witch was to make no difference. The hunt ensued, all the women's SIB wanted her out on their quarters were searched and terms, and punished. cards, letters and holiday photographs were scrutinised. No Caroline left behind 12 years case was found against the suspect officer but camp gossip led to interrogations of two terri-

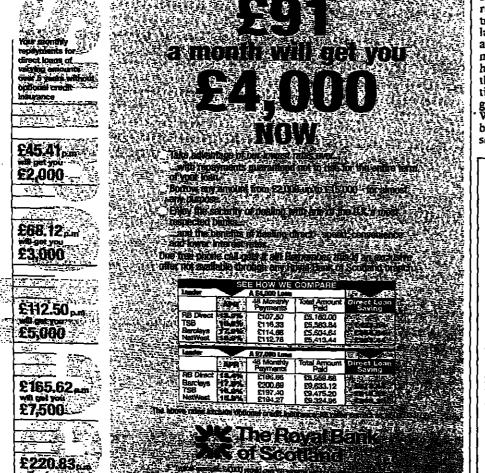
of committed service, her life was shattered, her future bleak. Her real crime was to love fied young NCOs who con-fessed and were court maranother woman and to evade detection. She now has a criminal record. During the course of making the film Caroline applied for the transcripts of tialled. Caroline was appalled and anxious. Aiready unnerved by having found herself named her interrogations and was shattered to find another in another investigation, a promotion posting to Ireland seemed to carry the biggest risk charge on her crime report file: disgraceful conduct of an of all. Could she sustain her unnatural kind. relationship with her lover left in Edinburgh without discov-

There will always be a body of opinion which believes that Caroline Meagher broke the rules and should face her punishment. Alternatively it doesn't take much imagination to see that her life had been made intolerable within a system of formalised bigotry.

Until two years ago gays in the forces could face a jail sentence. Now homosexuality has quently she was able to escape been decriminalised and although prison is no longer an issue, gays are still hunted down and thrown out. In the past 10 years more than 700 servicemen and women have been discharged on the grounds of their sexuality, but many hundreds more have left after witch hunts: either dismissed for minor offences, or because they could not tolerate a life where they were con-

stantly under suspicion. Caroline Meagher is a talented, committed woman who only ever wanted to carve out a commendable career within a world she loved. Caroline is the Army's loss. And their shame.

Barbara Machin wrote the screenplay for 'The Investigator, which is broadcast tonight on Channel 4 at 9pm.



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Meet the minister with a mission to snipe

any close observers of the scene have the scene have privately expressed their surprise to me that my name has not figured among the new appointments made by Tony Blair.

"After all you have done to aid his success!" is the gist of what they say. "After all the withering sniping you have maintained on the Major government! The selfless way you have rejected a

knighthood year after year! The way you have ceaselessly pointed out that Michael Howard doesn't work! The time you were offered a complimentary egg, chips and Eater by the Prime Minister but nobly turned it down with the words, 'No thanks, John grown-up food for me!' Has

none of this meant anything to the new Labour leader? Generally I smile, order drinks all round and say nothing. But perhaps the time has come to set the record straight. For over the weekend I was indeed summoned to No 10 Downing Street in order to hear what role I could play in the new administration.

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I set out at dawn on Sunday to make the long trip to London, posing my family for

photographs on the front doorstep before leaving. What a happy picture we presented, standing there waving our Union Jacks without a touch of irony! What a shame that nobody was there to press the button on the camera, and that one after another of us had to vacate the group in order to

take the photograph.
Then it was on to London through the dear old English countryside where orange Liberal Democrat posters stood up in every hedgerow (what can be the effect of these vivid objects on the mindset of hedgerow birdlife?) until we came to Downing Street and saw for the first time at close quarters the enormous iron gates which were erected to prevent Margaret Thatcher ever

storming back into No 10. Finally in through the door of No 10, where I was ushered into a large sort of annexe, to wait along with many other half-familiar faces. It was like nothing so much as being in the TV hospitality suite before a session of Call My Bluff. One man in a crumpled white suit I recognised from the photographs as none other than Martin Bell.

"Mr Bell!" I cried. "What

Miles Kington

brings a doughty independent like you here?

"Have no fear," he said, "that I shall take my duties ightly. You have entrusted the stewardship of Tatton to me. and I shall not pause nor shall my sword sleep in my hand ..
"Martin!" I cried. "It's all right! You're not among

voters now! You're back in the real world!" He visibly relaxed and glanced round the annexe at

all the hopeful faces. "You wouldn't think there were enough ministries for the Labour faithful," he said, let alone people like me. What are you here for, incidentally?"

I was about to invite him to search me when his name was called. Ten minutes later he was out.

"He's made me Roving Minister for Purity. he said, smiling.
"Is that good?"

"Sure. It means I have a good chance of getting a desk of my own in Westminster." Several hours later my own name was called and I faced the famous Blair smile in person for the first time.

"And which one are you?" he said, the smile never fading for a moment, as he referred discreetly to a chart of names and photos on his desk. "Trouble is," he added disarmingly, "there are so many new MPs that never expected to get elected that I haven't got to know them yet.

I am constantly being referred to as being young, but there are MPs out there who weren't even born when I had started voting. It makes you think.' "Certainly does," I agreed.
"Have to slap them down

straight away and slap them down hard." He looked at me curiously, then back to his chart. "I don't seem to ...'

I explained briefly who I

without Portfolio, whose job it is to keep an eye on everyone else, then You want to keep an eye on Peter Mandelson?" "Good Lord, no. It's just

"Well, if you're not an

"Ah, but I could be of use

to you," I said. "After all, if

MP ..." he said doubtfully.

you can make Peter

Mandelson a Minister

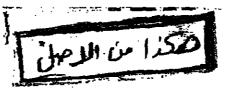
that for a while you're going to go through a honeymoon period in the press. The reaction, when it comes, will be vicious. I just thought that I could help you by slipping in the odd barb straight away and redressing

the balance."
"You've done this sort of thing before, haven't you?" he

said, suddenly.
"I did a few little jobs for Major. It mostly involved attacking Michael Howard." "Excellent!" he said. "What shall we call you?"

"Minister Without Profile?" Excellent! An unlisted minister, never mentioned, never accredited, just quietly

"Depend on me to keep up the bad work," I promised, and shook his hand. He



Blair places his bet on the Thin Controller

or anyone who thought Tony Blair was going to be cautious in office, the newly presidential style unveiled yesterday and particular the appointment of Peter Mandelson as his personal ministerial emissary is a salutary shock. This is a political high-roller's gambit - double or quits.

The centralising of power over interviews and policy speeches in Downing Street will be regarded as ominous by journalists. But after the PR mayhem of the Major years, given the carnivorous appetites of the press, it is a nsible defensive measure.

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More interesting is Mandelson's appointment as minister without portfolio at the centre of government - a sort of mix between terrier, vice-president and political police chief. Mandelson himself has made the case for such a job: there will be many brokenbacked, scribbled-on and thumbed copies of his book The Blair Revolution on the bedside tables of uneasy, ill-sleeping mandarins. In it, Mandelson criticised the looseness of Downing

Street and the passivity of the Cabinet Office,

Quite right: no government has benefited from the lack of central direction and bickering between the great baronies of Whitehall. Downing Street is a very British institution, which has grown up haphazardly over time, accumulating officials, committees and ways of working in reaction to crises past. It is, as it were, a common law institution. The switchboard may be superb, as Tristan Garel-Jones wrote on this page yesterday. But the heart of government is still infected by the British love of amateurishly muddling through, of especially

valuing the inefficient, No longer: Mandelson has written job descriptions for No 10 and Downing Street personnel who would tighten a Prime Minister's grip on the machinery of government with a rigour we haven't seen even under Margaret Thatcher. The Cabinet Office shouldn't be simply knocking departmental heads together, he argues: it should be "itself providing policy innovation and actively promoting ideas to the

various departments Again, he's right in principle: inter-departmental work is increasingly important: helping a young unemployed man might involve Edu-cation, Employment, Social Services and the Home Office, as well as the Treasury. Mandelson calls these "wicked issues - persistent and intractable, mainly social, problems,

which range across departmental boundaries". So now he has the job of driving the Blair agenda from the Cabinet Office, just as he described in his book. He is the Thin Controller. Blair once said that his project would have succeeded when the Labour Party had learned to love Peter Mandelson, Now, love him or loathe him, all those cabinet ministers who thought they would be shot of him in power, safely tucked up in their own ministries, will have to think again. Mandelson will have more clout than most round the cabinet table. If he succeeds, he will be mimicking the tight central control over colleagues he exercised for Blair

up to and during the campaign. When Blair said on the steps of Downing Street, "we have been elected as New Labour and we will govern as New Labour" that was partly what he meant. Opposition, instead of being an embarrassment to be quickly forgotten in power, becomes a model for power. Mandelson will be a guardian of the central sense of direction, the discipline, the thoroughness and the attention to detail that marked New Labour in the past months. He seemed delighted. But if he's wise he will be taking it

on with a certain wariness and unease. For if Blair has handed him an important assignment, it is also a dangerous one. It may make Mandelson feared, but it will not make him loved. Tory anger at the "Stalinist" control of New Labour will be echoed by



Andrew Marr

That may not matter. But if Mandelson's Cabinet Office is indeed to be the pro-active centre and progress-chaser in government, then it instantly liminishes at least two other rival power-centres. The first is John Prescott's title as Deputy Prime Minister, though he may be so busy with his super-ministry as not to care. The second is the Treasury: Gordon Brown's aides have made it clear in the past that they thought a Labour Treasury would need to have a more active and coordinating role in government.
It is well known that neither

Prescott nor Brown are consumed with the ardour of their affection for Mandelson. So at the outset it looks as if Blair may be putting his closest political friend into a job that is almost certain to bring him into a struggle for dominance with old enemies. This is brave, or rash, and maybe both. It is certainly self-confident. Mandelson's authority will depend on Blair's

aura. Since Blair is potentially the most powerful politician in the post-war history of this country, able to do almost anything he wants, that's quite an aura. But it doesn't make the job easy. Mandelson will have to take on big departments which are not only led by big people, but which possess more powerful corporate identities and

pride than his own. Much will depend on

whether he can win the trust and affection of people who have so far loaned him neither.

If he fails, Blair himself will not immediately suffer. When ministers get into a battle with Mandelson then the only person they can go to to resolve the matter is the Prime Minister. He becomes the popular compromise-broker, working behind and after the more abrasive and aggressive Mandelson. The danger, however, is that defeats for Mandelson would be seen as

So will he - can he - succeed? Like so much in politics, it is a test, above all, of personality. He should bear in mind that Michael Heseltine was successful because he kept his mouth shut and was notably generous to colleagues, even when they were struggling. Hes-eltine didn't gossip over lunch, or brief journalists about who had had screwed up. Once one of life's great self-promoters, he taught himself a deep discretion that won the respect

of his natural enemies in the Tory party.

Up to now, Mandelson has been a brilliant briefer and stirrer-upper of media noise, pulling people down and elevating others. He has been a media addict; he announced and described his appointment on television before it was officially confirmed. In his book, he seems to conflate the role of ministerial progress-chaser with what he calls "minister for

Well, Heseltine did a bit of that too. But being a controversial public figure is probably incompatible with being a successful Whitehall overlord. If people suspect their failures or private compromises will become known in the Sunday papers, they will not cooperate. If Mandelson is to succeed he will need to reassure suspicious rivals that he is determined, on principle, to be unhelpful to journalism.

The new administration had a choice between continuing with traditional cabinet government, with its rivalries, different personal agendas and arguments; and trying for a much tighter, semi-presidential, style of government, in which the supremacy of Downing Street over every other arm of the administration is utter and unquestioned.

Looking back at New Labour's campaigning, and the landslide it produced, and reflecting on Blair's admiration for Margaret Thatcher's sense of purpose, I don't think we need waste too much time speculating which of them the new Prime Minister wanted. UnBritish? Maybe so; but given Labour's past failures and the pressures on modern government, it may also be essential.

A manifesto for moral and spiritual problems by Cardinal Basil Hume

s the winds of political change blow down Whitehall, there is a palpable sense of hope and optimism. Yet we cannot expect

any government alone to solve the most fundamental problems we face, for these are not only economic and social, but also moral and spiritual. We have to recognise, first, that respect is due to every

human being simply by virtue of our common humanity. Then we must realise that we are interdependent. Catholic social teaching calls this solidarity. It can be seen as a moral criterion whereby human behaviour and action should be determined by care and concern for each other, and a commitment to the common good.

Such considerations as these no doubt played a part, for many in all parties, in prompt-ing debates in the election campaign - especially on key issues such as education, the National Health Service, and Europe. But now is the moment to consider some other fundamental issues. These did not attract the same attention, though they also exercise the minds of a great number of people.

The first duty of any society is to respect and protect human life itself. While this may seem obvious, its full consequences are not always appreciated, for human life begins at concep-tion. Abortion virtually on demand is one of the greatest scandals of our time. This is not only because of the destruction of human life, but also because of the hidden suffering of so many women.

It was highly significant that during the election broadcasters refused to screen uncensored the Pro-life Alliance party film. If abortion so offends against taste and decency, why should we be tolerating 500 abortions every day in this country? I saw the film. It is shocking, but the real-

It only became possible to outlaw slavery in the last century when enough people saw clearly what was involved. They recoiled in horror at the practice, and worked to abolish it. There is a similar need to change minds and hearts today. The moral case against abortion will ultimately prevail when enough people come to see that abortion is not only wrong in itself, but is even more abhorrent than slavery.

We need also to beware of the arguments now being put forward in favour of euthanasia. What is trumpeted as the right to die for terminally ill people could very quickly become the duty to die for elderly people who felt themselves a burden to others. A second urgent issue is the

family. It is there that children first develop, for good or ill, the habits and values that govern their relationships with others. Recent research has highlighted the adverse long-term consequences for children of family breakdown. This country



Now is the moment to consider some fundamental issues which did not attract much attention in the election

divorce. There are also rising levels of cohabitation. I understand the evidence so far is that lilies when policy changes are these relationships are even made. The frightening problem of children born without love or children in unstable situations are working) and the "work rich" (where both partners are working) and the "work" (where neither

Many of the social, cultural and economic pressures that threaten family life are beyond the power of government to responsible for their actions, but public policy can tackle poverty, unemployment, poor housing, and economic insecurity which all contribute to family stress. It can also promote personal sexual responsibility through education for parenthood, and by requiring absent parents to support their children. We should promote the life-long commitment of marriage between a man and a important, but they should not

has the highest divorce rate in woman as the stable basis of be opposed to wider expres-Europe, with 40 per cent of new family life. We must put the marriages predicted to end in health of the family centre election campaign seemed to stage, and the Government must assess the impact on fam-

has a job). One in five households of working age has no breadwinner. 25 per cent of children in England are now livcontrol directly. Individuals are ing in families on income support. Addressing this situation must have priority. It is both a matter of justice for those deprived of opportunity, and essential if we are to avoid more people lacking any sense of belonging to the wider com-

munity.
Solidarity creates commitments at many levels: family, town, region, nation, continent, global. Local loyalties are

be confined to the interests of this country, even to the exclusion of Northern Ireland.

Northern Ireland only appeared to figure prominently through the contemptible disruptive actions of the IRA. A new horizon opened in the province with the cease-fires of 1994, and many people hoped that trust would take root. Despite recent difficulties in the province, agreements have Archbishop of Westminster.

already made between the British and Irish governments embracing the principle of consent before any constitutional change can take place. There is also on-going contact between the main democratic political parties, with round-table talks due to resume in June.

Our new government must make strenuous efforts to rekindle the fire of hope in all the people of the province, by encouraging all parties to renounce violence unequivocally and to undertake substantive face to face talks, and by focusing on the mutual gains which a broadly agreed settlement could bring.

There are many other vital areas that attracted little election coverage but are of great concern to many people, such as the drug culture, increased violence on our streets, the arms trade, and the global envi-ronment. I would single out. however, helping the poorest in

The poorest fifth of the world's population - one billion people - live in absolute poverty. They consume just 1.4 per cent of the world's income whereas the richest fifth takes 83 per cent. Relative affluence and success create responsibil-ities for individuals and society. We share a common humanity with those in greatest need. We must be more generous with well-targeted aid, more determined to cancel unpayable third world debt and to help the poorest countries to tackle corruption and gain easier access to world markets.

The truth is that we live in one world, peopled by one human family in which every person matters. Our awareness of this truth deepens when we recognise that we are all children of God, made in his image and likeness. In fact a spiritual quest (which I cannot pursue here) lies at the heart of any search for moral health and vitality, whether personal or

Whatever our religious beliefs, however, we can surely agree that what will draw peonle together into a more cohesive society is an open spirit of solidarity, founded on a shared sense of mutual responsibility. We have no right to expect a better future for our society as we approach the millennium unless we all commit ourselves to working for each other, that is, for the common good. We cannot lay these expectations on the Government alone.

The writer is the Roman Catholic

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Swinging Sixties, new-look Nineties

uddenly the 1960s are being re-evaluated. This newspaper recently asked whether Marshall McLuhan, one of the most influential pundits of the decade, was in fashion again, 17 years after his death. Certainly the insight for which he is most celebrated - The medium is the message" - has never gone out of cir-Likewise, in the past year alone, two

biographies of R D Laing, the Scottish psychotherapist, who died in 1989, have been published. The first of his international best-sellers, The Divided Self: a study of sanity and madness, came out initially with a small print-run. in 1960. His enduring appeal is illustrated by passages such as the following. No one has schizophrenia, like having a cold. The patient has not got schizophrenia. He is a schizophrenic. The schizophrenic has to be known without being destroyed." How? By understanding. And for understanding "one might say love". Next Sunday a one-day conference exploring Laing's legacy is to be held in London (Mahatma Gandhi Hall, Fitzroy

There is more. The Festival Hall in Square, W1). London has been running a series of talks and lectures on the 1960s. Pinter's golden decade was the title of one session. And at the Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, there has just opened an exhibition, entitled Les Sixues: Great Britain and France, 1962-1973. This show, which has come from Paris and runs until 29 June, examines the explosion of art and popular culture during



Andreas **Whittam Smith**

The second half of our decade resembles the 1960s in some ways, with a little optimism in the air

One reason for this burgeoning interest is that the 1960s have always remained a fabulous period in people's minds, like the 1920s. Now sufficient time has elapsed to allow a sorting-out of the wheat from the chaff. The 30-year anniversary dates are beginning to clock up. In July it will be 30 years since Laing organised a Congress on the Dialectics of Liberation (such a 1960s title!) at the Roundhouse in Chalk Farm, London. Among the participants were Herbert Marcuse, Stokely Carmichael and Allen Ginsberg, and the proceedings were later written up as a Penguin paperback. In October a similar period of time will have elapsed since Che Guevara, the Argentinian revolutionary, was killed by Bolivian troops. Biographies and documentaries of this martyr of the left are marking the event.

There is also a feeling that the second half of the 1990s resembles the 1960s in some ways. Once again London is being extolled around the world as "cool". It has become the most popular place in the world for designer stores. British fashion designers are taking the top jobs in Paris. Our pop music excels. British films are in vogue. In matters of style we are self-confident and successful, precisely as we were 30

Arguably the most important development of the Sixties took place at the very beginning. On 15 May, 1960, the first contraceptive pill was given a licence in the United States. British trials took place a year later, and although at first the pill could only be advertised to docwere soon generated, and alarm was expressed about the encouragement of promiscuity; but women had gained control over their own fertility. Restraints on pre-marital sex became

almost impossible to justify. The first of a series of dramatic changes in the relationships between men and women had begun. It led to feminism, which was a feature of subsequent decades; Germaine Greer published The Female Eunuch in 1970. And it led on to changes in family structure through which we are still working. Alongside this profound change in

social relationships, there began a sec-ond revolution in economic affairs. The opening up of stockmarkets during the 1960s to middle-income savers, via the development of mutual funds in the US and unit trusts in the United Kingdom, was again a first step with enormous consequences. Private companies came to the market in great numbers, takeover battles became commonplace (the first in London took place in 1959 and made Warburg's name). The Lords Weinstock and Hanson began their careers in the 1960s with a series of dazzling stockmarket moves.

The pattern was the same in the US. The development of a new form of international capitalism, the Anglo-Saxon liberal version, was underway. Thirty years later it is becoming a global system.

What was most striking about the 1960s, however, was a revolution in attitude. Events were driven by the young. tors and issued on prescription to mar-ried women, a great social revolution had in the 1960s. Young people comprised The post-war baby boom came of age

begun. Fears about harmful side-effects an above-average proportion of the were soon generated, and alarm was population and, significantly, young people had money because they were all in work, or in higher education supported by adequate state or local authority funding. Their sheer number and spending power imparted a won-derful self-confidence - they could change things.

At hand, too, was a universal means of expression, pop music, particularly rock n' roll, sold cheaply on 45-rpm records. This American phenomenon of the mid-1950s, exemplified by the incredible success of Elvis Presley, aided by the rise of a new breed of local radio stations in the US and later in the UK, swept the world. Indeed some people date the true beginning of the 1960s from 5 October 1962, when the Beatle's first 45-rpm record, Love Me Do, was released.

This sense of being in the driving seat also took the more violent form of street protests, culminating in 1968, a year of massive demonstrations in the US against the Vietnam War and elsewhere, particularly in Paris, against socalled Western imperialism. Street protests on such a scale were not to be seen again until 1989 in East Europe.

This 1960s notion that anything was possible has never been repeated. Young people are still experimental, rebellious and so on. But they are fundamentally more cautious than their parents were at the same age. Now the struggle is to survive; then the struggle was to change things. Except that on the morrow of New Labour's overwhelming success in the election, I detect a little bit of 1960s optimism on the air once more. It is a good feeling.

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BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER Bre-X 'world's biggest mining scam

David Usborne New York

Bre-X Minerals, the Canadian firm that lured multitudes of investors by boasting the gold find of the century, was headed for oblivion yesterday after outside experts exposed the claim as one of the higgest scams in the his-

tory of world mining. In a devastating report, inde-pendent consultants said that the supposed gold find at Bu-sang, in the jungles of Indonesian Borneo, was so paltry as to be unworthy of mining. There was "virtually no possibility of an economic gold deposit".

Moreover, the report by Strathcona Mineral Services of Toronto suggested that the results of earlier test drillings, on which Bre-X based its esti-

mates, had been falsified to give the impression of a giant find. It said that projections had been based on "falsified data" and that there had been "tampering with samples delivered to the labs".

Bre-X, based in Calgary, saw its stock value soar when it began to promote the Busang mine in 1993. It told investors the deposit contained 71 million ounces of gold. Such was the excitement that some experts speculated the total amount might touch 200 million oz.

Štrathcona's conclusions will almost certainly doom Bre-X and expose it to a tidal wave of litigation from angry share-holders. Already, several groups of shareholders in Canaholders. da and the US have filed suit.

pany would probably cease to exist, commented Harry Bingham of Van Eck Institutional Freeport-McMoran first cast Advisors in New York.

In its audit, Strathcona conon as audit, Strantonia con-cluded: The magnitude of the tampering with core samples that we believe has occurred and resulting falsification of assay values at Busang is of a scale and over a period of time and with a precision that, to our knowledge, is without precedent in the history of mining anywhere in the world".

Trading in Bre-X shares was suspended on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday and on other exchanges including the New York Nasdaq. The release of the report also prompted the withdrawal from the project of two of Bre-X's putative partners, Musamba, of In-

grave doubt on the importance of Busang when it revealed on 26 March that test drillings it had completed at the site were showing "insignificant" quantities of gold. The news panicked investors into a panic and Bre-X lost 80 per cent of its value in 30 minutes in Toronto before trading was suspended.

In the wake of the Freeport-McMoran findings, Bre-X invited Strathcona to investigate the truth about Busang. On the report's release, the chairman of Bre-X, David Walsh, issued a statement: "We share the shock and dismay of shareholders and others that the gold we thought we had appears

Suspicions about the authenticity of the Busang find were reinforced in March when one of Bre-X's leading geologists at the site, Michael de Guzman, fell to his death from a helicopter in Borneo. He was on his way to Busang to answer questions about sampling from Freeport-McMoran officers.

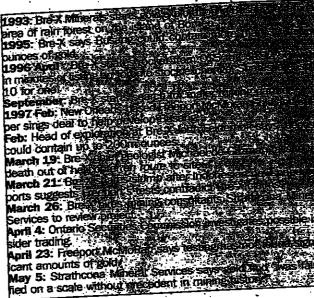
It remains unclear whether the death was by suicide or whether there are grounds to suspect murder. An early official explanation was that Mr de Guzman had shortly before discovered that he was suffering from a terminal illness. But his family protested his innocence yesterday saying he "had never been involved with any kind of fraudulent acts".

The estimate of the mine's 71 million oz was made by a Mon-

treal assay firm. Kilborn SNC Lavalin. But Kilborn has already insisted that it was not responsible for the sampling itself. The implication of Strathcona's references to "tampering" is that gold from other sources may have been added to the samples provided to Kilborn.

The 30-minute meltdown of Bre-X stock on 26 March saw the value of its shares plummet from CS15.50 to CS2.50, wiping some C\$3bn from the firm's value. Litigation against the firm may focus on trades completed by Mr Walsh and his wife and other executives in 1996 which reportedly netted them about C\$77m.

Bre-X has hired Price Waterhouse and a forensic investigations firm to determine how the mine's data was falsified.



New DTI chief to shake up utilities

Chris Godsmark, **Business Correspondent**

A shake-up of privatised utility regulation, putting greater emasis on consumer interest, will form a high priority for Labour's trade and industry team, John Battle, the newly appointed DTI minister said yesterday.

Mr Battle, widely seen as an effective shadow minister in opposition, has been rewarded with a wider-than-expected portfolio which is also likely to encompass science and technology, a job previously the remit of a separate Conservative minister, Ian Taylor.

The appointment also demonstrates that the DTI's role is being beefed up under Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. The ministry is taking over responsibility for some employment issues and will spearhead legislation to introduce a minimum wage.

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with a brief expected to cover employment and wage issues. A DTI source said yesterday: "Our impression is certainly that the ministry's role is being widened under Labour."

Mr Battle's appointment is likely to be greeted with guarded optimism by some privatised firms. Electricity companies will hope Mr Battle will agree to postpone domestic power competition, due to start from next April. His comments yesterday suggest a Bill to restructure the system of utility regulation could be put forward sooner than expected.

Several experts had suggested the issue would not be tackled in the first year of a Labour government because of restricted parliamentary time. Mr Battle said yesterday "Utility regulation and putting the consumer first will be one of our priorities.T he election is over. I have been covering energy and Ian McCartney, former shad-science matters and we've set ow employment minister, has our stall out, now we've got to

Labour's utility reforms have been watered down in recent years, though the party remains committed to sharing excess company profits with consumers on top of the existing system of price cap regulation which cuts bills by a formula each year based on the rate of inflation. The regulators themselves would be backed by boards playing a non-execu-tive role, a policy supported by the CBI and several utilities

But there was disappointment that Geoffrey Hoon, Labour's shadow telecommunications and science minister was leaving the DTI brief to join the Lord Chancellor's department. Mr Hoon had also been the party's spokesman on the millennium computer crisis, which is likely to be a serious headache for the Government.

Robin Guenier, head of task force 2000 the government sponsored advisory group set up



which claims service bank to be the first full within the aisles of a supermarket, opened for business at the William Morrison store in Five

Lane Ends, Bradford, yesterday. The same opening will have the hours as the store - 82 hours a week, seven days a week. The bank is offering special promotions in May,

Morrisons vouchers for opening an account. Other. commission-free foreign

Business split over Labour economy

Dear doctor:

Clifford German

The business community is evenly split on the new Gov-ernment's ability to handle the economy, according to a snap poll of 600 businessmen across the country carried out by Dun & Bradstreet.

But among those businessmen who thought the election was important for their busines those who felt the impact would be positive outnumbered the negativės by six to four.

Just 45 per cent of the sample said they were confident of the Government's ability to handle the economy. A similar number were not confident, and the remaining 10 per cent either did not know or thought t was too early to say.

Almost 40 per cent thought the election result was not important for their business. But of those who believe it is important 58 per cent thought it would be helpful against 42 per cent who said it would have a negative effect.

The three most important reasons cited why the result could be positive were the need tor change, a mo government attitude to small business and the prospect of faster economic growth. The main fears were the the loss of continuity, the introduction of a minimum wage and the like lihood of tax increases.

Europe is the most important single issue facing the Government according to 33 per cent of the sample, closely followed by the levels of taxation and national insurance. Improvements in the health and education ser-

vices were in third place. Business leaders in London were the most confident about the Government's ability to handle the economy, with 53 per cent positive, but this was bal-anced by only 31 per cent of businessmen in the South-east expressing confidence.

Dale joins Barrett bid queue

City Correspondent

Barry Dale, former chief executive of the Littlewoods retail and football pools empire, has emerged as one of the bidders for the Holland & Barrett chain of health food shops.

The 400-strong chain was recently put up for sale by Gehe. the German pharmaceutical which acquired the stores following its victory over UniChem in the £684m, year-long bid battle for Lloyds Chemists.

Mr Dale's bid is being backed by Dawnay Day, the merchant bank that backed his £1bn bid for Littlewoods. That approach was turned down by the com-

successful he would continue Holland & Barrett's store-opening programme and develop the uled for completion next mail order operation.

However, he faces stiff competition for the group. Britain's hest-known chain of health food stores. At least three other bids been tabled, mostly by venture capital groups. The values of the bids range from £100m-£145m. Apax Partners is bidding with

a management team led by a former Superdrug director. Cin-Ven has teamed up with 3i and an external management team. Another offer has come in from Electra Fleming while a bid pany's family shareholders in from Schroder Ventures has

late 1995. It is understood that if Mr Dale's approach proves stage. The shortlist of bidders will be drawn up within two to three weeks with a deal schedmonth.

Venture capital sources said there were no commercial hidders. There has been speculation that General Nutritional Centre, a US group building a presence here, might be interested. There has also been speculation that Allen Lloyd, the former Lloyds Chemists

founder, might table an offer. Holland & Barrett was acquired by Lloyds Chemists in 1991 when it had 191 stores and annual sales of £48m. In the last financial year, to 30 June 1996, it recorded operating profits of chain of pharmacies in the UK.



£7.8m on sales of £90.6m. Gehe. which took control of Lloyds in

Rivals for Thomson-CSF ready to show their hands the French government from

Clifford German

The two rival bidders for Thomson-CSF the state owned French defence group are ex-pected to submit their final bids tomorrow. Alcatel Alsthom, the electronics and telecommunications group, is launching a joint bid with the launching a joint bid with the privately-owned Dassault Industries.

Other companies are also planning joint deals with the winning side. Daimler-Benz Aerospace has confirmed that it has been talking to both Al-catel Alsthom and Lagardere.

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bidding directly for Thomson on the grounds it would be against French security interests for a foreign company to own more than 50 per cent of the business, has also talked to both sides. .

and a missile venture with BAe, Matra-BAe Dynamics. Alcatel is a partner with GEC in GEC Alsthom, a specialist joint venture in power engineering.

These secondary deals are expected to influence the outcome of the bids. The French gov-GEC, which was barred by ernment favours creating a

tensive lobbying campaign in

which it had made presentations

Pirc's resolution, which the lobby group says it has lodged

on behalf of a range of institu-tional clients, as well as religious

shareholder groups and private investors, calls on Shell to

designate responsibility for the

implementation of environ-

mental and corporate respon-

to its 50 largest shareholders.

strong group around Thomson CSF with wide European links. Franck Borotra, Industry Minister, said vesterday, "the prospects for restructuring the defence industry in a European context will be taken into account by the government".

But neither Alcatel nor Lagardere is willing to bid for Thomson CSF at any price, sources said yesterday. The bids will go ahead on schedule and a decision is expected by 30 June, in spite of the parlia-mentary elections in France, which have delayed the partial privatisation of France Telecom by a month.

IN BRIEF

 The number of mergers and acquisitions in Northern Ireland rose 17 per cent last year, according to a new report from the mergers and acquisitions specialist, Company Broking Consultants. Companies based outside Northern Ireland accounted for tants. Companies based outside Northern Ireland accounted to over 40 per cent of the 48 changes of ownership in the area, representing an investment of around £250m in the economy.

• Great North Eastern Railway (GNER) yesterday opened what it claims is the UK's largest rail telesales office, employing 250. The new £750.000 centre is expected to take 1.3 million ticket bookings during its first year of operation, handling 25,000 telephone reservations for travel on bide procede agrees between London. phone reservations for travel on high-speed services between London, Yorkshire, the North-east and Scotland.

• Regent Pacific Group Limited, the Hong Kong energing markets investment house in which Hambros Bank as the cent stake, launches its initial public offering today at the she company at HK\$ 2494bn. The announcement co-ingle with the gossibility that Hambros may face legal action over its desin Andrew Regan's failed £1.2bn bid for the Co-op.

• The Transport & General Workers Union in its 100,000 members in local government today over its transport said status deal, aimed at setting a minimum wage and the mand eliminating discrimination between male and the analysis and this and white collar, workers. Jack Dromey, public said the secretary of the TGWU, said he was confidenced a ananimous your to push through the agreement. vote to push through the agreement.

 Compaq Computer Corp announced yesterday it would ent prices on a number of products, including its business desktop personal computers by up to 22 annual respectively. computers, by up to 23 per cent. This is the third time this year that the company has announced its intention to cut its prices. in a bid to extend its market share lead. Compaq is already the global leader in personal computer sales.

 Nikko Securities Co International, a division of Japan's Nikko Securities Co Ltd, has named Timothy Cronic coordinated and co-chief executive. Mr Cronin was previously Paine Webber Group's executive was previously Paine Webber Group's executive vice-president of global risk and had a place on the board. He will share the titles with Toshio Yokoyama, and together the pair will serve as co-president and co-chief executive officer of Nikko Americas Holding Co.

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Pirc to brief shareholders as Shell battle intensifies Wicks of the WorldWide Fund associated human rights issues already forced Shell into an in-

INTEREST RATES

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

An increasingly bitter battle between Shell and shareholder activists led by corporate governance pressure group Pirc will intensify later today when 18 of the oil group's leading investors attend a briefing on the company from environmental and human rights experts. The meeting, to brief share-

holders on a resolution to be put to next week's annual meeting. has been timed to coincide STOCK MARKETS

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with the publication by Shell of British Insurers said it would be an environmental report which Pirc has dismissed as "inade-

It is the latest move by Pirc to garner support for its con-troversial resolution, which will call on the company to improve its environmental standards and business ethics policy.
Pirc has been criticised by

some fund managers for an apparent shift in its focus from corporate governance issues to environmental matters. Last week the Association of

supporting Shell in its fight against its rebel shareholders at what promises to be a lively annual meeting on 14 May. Speaking at the meeting will

be former Shell executive Sir Geoffrey Chandler, who sits on the board of Amnesty International. He will call on Shell to accept "social auditing" of its human rights performance in order to ensure that Shell's new commitment to the area is verifiable in practice. Other speakers include Clive

both John Jennings, chairman of Shell International, and Peter Davis, head of the Prudential, the company's largest shareholder, arguing that the insurance company should back the resolution. In a supporting statement to

for Nature which has written to

its resolution, Pirc said: "During the past two years, Shell has faced criticism from shareholders, interest groups and the public over poor environ-mental standards in Nigeria.

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. For Labour to fulfil its dream of winning two complete terms, its leaders need to remain cast as warriors against

complacency. If they are as canny as they look, they will be perfectly aware that the 2002 election campaign has already

know whether the famous (though largely apocryphal) government "books" support the case for the early tax increase that is being demanded by much of the economics profession in this country. Funnily enough, nobody seems to believe that this tax increase is needed to correct a rapidly deteriorating budget deficit position. In fact, the Treasury

forecast for this year's public sector borrowing requirement will probably be around 0.5 per cent of GDP, lower than expected at the time of Kenneth Clarke's final Budget, and there will be further improvements in the projected path for government borrowing in each year of the new parliament.

Despite this, it is alleged that tax increases will inevitably be needed at some point to correct the "unsustainability" of the government accounts. Last week, this column examined these arguments in detail, and concluded that the case was somewhat hazy, de-

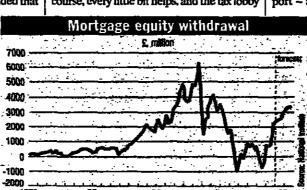
pending on very uncertain estimates of how much spare capacity exists in the economy. This will determine how rapidly GDP and government revenue can be expected to grow in the next five years. Take an optimistic view of this issue, and there will be no problem with the sustainability of the government finances; take a pessimistic view, and there will be. Anyone who claims to know the answer to this question today with any certainty is a charlatan.

Quite separately, it is also argued that tax increases are

Gordon Brown will by now have absorbed peeded immediately to reduce the growth reckons that there will never be a better time fitting of a quadratic trend never the less entended by the Treasury's welcoming brief, so he will of consumer spending, thus taking the uppolitically to increase the tax burden, on the abled some econometricians to claim that they ward pressure off base rates and sterling. There is indeed a strong case for slowing a consumer sector which is already growing at a dangerous 4-5 per cent annual rate in real terms, even before the impact of the £20bn

building society windfall has been felt. Perhaps even more worrying, the National Institute pointed out last week that equity withdrawal from the housing market - the process by which consumers borrow against the security of their homes to increase their general spending - has been rising sharply in recent quarters. But the possible impact of these special factors is so large that a consumer tax increase of at least £7ba would be needed to correct the situation, and that is surely not feasible.

Some, or all, of the work will inevitably need to be done by higher interest rates. Of course, every little bit helps, and the tax lobby



theory that the electorate will have forgotten

Brown should not discount the Tories just yet

about this little indiscretion in five years' time. "Take the pain early, and dispense the rewards later," is the most traditional mantra of British politics. It is certainly alive and well in the recommendations of most of today's commentators. Some have added a new thought since polling day - that the Tories are anyway dead and buried for at least a decade, so there is an extra reason for "doing the right thing" on the tax burden.

This is dangerous thinking for New Labour. For one thing, the experience of the past five years scarcely offers support for the "early pain, late rewards" view of the electoral cycle. As David Blake, political analyst at Goldman Sachs, has pointed out, the most compelling fact about the last parliament was that the normal "quadratic" pattern of government support ~ a pattern that has been observed in

almost every parliamentary term since the war - was entirely absent. The quadratic is a simple algebraic function which is shaped like a large U. This function happens to fit the normal pattern of government support in the course of a parliament very closely. Until the 1992-97 experience, the norm was for government support to de-cline automatically for about 36 months and then, just as automatically, to turn up again as the next election approached. This regular bout of the mid-term blues did not

seem to be related to any particu-

lar economic phenomenon, but the

had found a coherent "explanation" for the electoral cycle.

Actually, they had never really done any thing more sophisticated than simply describe the fact that the mid-term blues usually happen in mid-term. Nevertheless, the break-down in the quadratic in the last couple of

years was extremely startling.

Until 1995, the popularity of the Major government followed the normal downward profile. But then, in 1996 and 1997, government popularity stubbornly refused to recover at the normal rate of about 0.7 percentage points per month. Indeed, it barely recovered at all.

he 31 per cent level of support achieved Last Thursday was about 6 per cent lower than the Tories have ever experienced before, which is a measure of the shock meted out to what had previously been the most effective electoral machine in Western Europe.

The clear implication is that the electorate

"switched off" the Conservative government several years ago, and from then on were not subject to the normal influences that might have made them switch back. This might prove to be very good news indeed for New Labour, since the "on" switch could prove extraordinarily difficult for the Tories to find, just as it proved murderously difficult for Labour after 1983.

Following Michael Heseltine's health tremor last week, none of the other putative candidates for the leadership can quickly persuade the warring Euro-factions to bury their hatchets, so the launch of the New Tory Party

could be at least one more election away. All this might suggest that the incoming government can get away with almost anything in its first few years, secure in the knowledge that the Tories will be unelectable for quite a while. Tax rises, here we come! But there

is an alternative view.

Maybe an immediate frontal assault on the consumer - as opposed to some fiscal tightening through the company sector and restraints on public spending - would break the electorate's bond of trust with the new government just as assuredly as the Lamont/Clarke tax-raising Budgets did in 1993. Once broken, there may be no quadratic for Mr Blair to ride in the second half of his term, any more than there was one for Mr Major.

In addition, this cautionary argument continues, it is most unwise to see the Tories as a spent force. Perhaps the 1997 result simply tells us that the electorate is getting more volatile, so the eventual swing back to the Tories will be devastating.

Furthermore, for the past two elections. the swings against the Conservatives in the marginals have been bigger than in the rest of the country, so their loss of seats has been hugely magnified relative to their loss of votes. When the swing back occurs, it will be Labour seats that will fall like ninepins. A safe rule in British politics these past two

centuries has been never to count out the Conservatives. For Labour to fulfil its dream of winning two complete terms. Messrs Blair, Brown and Mandelson need to remain cast as warriors against complacency. If they are as canny as they look, they will be perfectly aware that the 2002 election campaign has already started.

Dear doctor: Nigel Cope talks to the top corporate 'troubleshooter' recently hired to rescue Sears' struggling shoe division

Making music bringing firms back from brin

Attempting to arrange an in-terview with David James, the A former director of Ford Motor Company, it was a year corporate rescue specialist, is a complicated procedure.

The "company doctor", who was hired by Sears last week to sort out its loss-making shoe division, has a schedule so packed that even though he works an 80-hour week it has to operate with almost military precision.

"I can do something on Thursday evening, but it would have to be after 7pm. Or it will have to be on Friday later morning because I have meetings all afternoon. Then I'm out of the country for two weeks in Thailand and Australia."

Though he does not officially start at British Shoe Corporation until 19 May he has already travelled to the group's Leices- a total of £850m bank debt. ter head office to meet man-"brainstorming session" when

Mr James jets in. "I am adamant that the business should not just tread water while this programme takes place," he says.

It is a strict, no-nonsense approach that has earned him the reputation as one of Britain's top corporate "troubleshooters" along with Lewis Macpherson who was parachuted into Stakis, the hotels group and Ken Sco-

A former director of Ford and he still does consultancy spent with Kenneth Cork at Cork Gully, the insolvency ex-perts in the 1970s, that persuaded Mr James to devote his career to rescue situations. Since setting up his own con-sultancy in 1981 his projects have included Eagle Trust, LEP group and Davies & Newman, the holding company of the Dan

Air airline. From his small office near Victoria where he operates with

work for Lloyd's of London. His approach to the British Shoe job is typical of his methods. "I was asked to do the job about three weeks ago. I said I

"I put in about a week and Sears gave me comprehensive access and allowed two finance

THE TUESDAY INTERVIEW

Yet at 59 he still finds each agers and ensure the recovery fresh project an exciting chalprogramme is making progress lenge. I get a buzz every time while he is away. Managers and I love the learning curve. I have been told to re-examine had assumed that as I approached 60, then that might be an appropriate time to start to wind down. But it hasn't worked out that way."

He finds now that he is more likely to be called in by frustrated institutional investors rather than the banks.

Under his 12-month flat-fee in 1995. contract with Sears he expects British Shoe project. The other rescue. The first will see the rehalf is spent on his non-executive directors shops at Visual bie who was brought in at Brent Action Holdings, one of the for- to a single bidder. mer Eagle Trust subsidiaries,

would not give them an answer until I'd seen the business and formed a view.

people to take time to brief me

British Shoe is certainly a a tiny staff he claims to have secured 23,000 jobs and repaid doctor's attention. A long run-

> New York and Hong Kong as well as London. "I think the appetite from overseas might have been under-estimated," Mr ning problem, the previous James said. If the business cannot be management had shrunk the

> chain from 14 formats to four. plans to devote special attention to solving the problems at Shoe But even with Freeman Hardy Willis, Saxone and Manfield City and Shoe Express. gone, some of the remainder have also run into trouble.

ing new investors.

While Dolcis and Cable & Co ble & Co sold separately or not disclosed the fee, rumours ket. For holidays he likes to are trading well, the self-service merged into one of the fashion suggest it will be in the region attend music festivals. Shoe Express chain and the out businesses such as Warehouse of-town-Shoe City format are both struggling. British Shoe made losses of £9m last year or Wallis to make them more attractive. The final phase is to tidy up residual matters such as compared with a £7.5m profit the property portfolio.

director of each trading format

to "revisit" the business plan for

the year and submit year-end

forecasts for profits and cash

flow together with estimates of

asked to submit a strategy for

regenerating the business together with detailed costings. These will be externally vali-

Mr James has also appointed

JP Morgan, the merchant bank,

to examine the feasibility of sell-

ing the whole group or attract-

Data rooms will be set up in

dated by Price Waterhouse.

Each director has also been

the next two financial years.

But Mr James has already having only a single route [to reto devote half his time to the drafted a four-point plan for the solve the problems.] One needs have to make decisions which are to have flexibility."

grooming of the BSC group with the view to selling it as a whole o a single bidder. shops should be "pretty posi- on the factory floor. On one job the has asked the managing tive". However, there may be his head office was stoned.



Till death do us part: David James's packed schedule has ruled out marriage

Photograph: Kalpesh Lathigra

more uncertainty over the 450 head office jobs and possibly the long hours, he ever gets enough sold as a single entity Mr James 100 positions at the central dis-time to spend any of his hardtribution centre which is also in earned proceeds. "There is not Leicester.

of £500,000-£700,000. "I will not disclose my fee but if Sears chooses to do so then that is fine by me," he says. Of course, it can be a dan-"I never work on the basis of gerous business as corporate

troubleshooter as they often unpopular with staff. Past pro-He says that the outlook for jects have seen him in the midst the 10,000 jobs in the shoe of spanner-wielding employees

One also wonders if, given his a great deal of time left over. I The project promises to be still go to a great deal of opera this could see Dolcis and Cahard work and though Sears has and go to Ascot and Newmar-

> Music is a passion. He is chairman of the English Symphony Orchestra and has created his own charity to foster interest in composition and the commissioning or works from established UK composers.

The packed portfolio means there was never time for marriage and at nearly 60 he is still single. "I literally never found the time. This business is death to relationships."

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Electrical makers blamed for high costs

Magnus Grimond

Customers are being over-charged for electrical goods ranging from televisions to ranging from televisions to washing machines because US, it claims. multinational manufacturers want to maintain profits and add the completion of a Monopolies cachet to their brands, accord-

gional electricity companies are exonerated from blame by Verdict, the retail consultancy, but

Sony, Panasonic and Philips have

smaller retailers and not giving

it says consumers are being de-nied choice by the dominance

and Mergers Commission report ing to a report published today. into the pricing and supply of Large retail chains such as electrical goods, expected to be Dixons and those run by the re-Although not named in the re-

"What we are saying is the prob-lems of the industry are due to The report comes days after the dominant influence of manufacturers, not because of any collusion by retailers themselves, which one might believe given

the uniformity of their prices.

What we think manufac-

a place for a discount sector ply electrical goods to the group.

after just a year of operation. It are so small."

been put into the firing line by Verdict some three years after being the target of similar criticism.

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where people could buy goods
off the shelf at low prices.
The report comes two years
after Nurdin & Peacock, the casb-and-carry group, was support the smaller stores, it's forced to close its fledgling cargo Club discount store chain high street because the margins

Exercise good for firms' wealth

Clifford German

comes to treating the prob-lems caused by working days lost

the CBL a 20 per cent rise in just two years. In the US, medical costs quadrupled in 20 years to more than \$1 000bn (£625bn)

The answer, according to David Giampaolo, managing di-Prevention is not just better than rector of Forza group, which dividual, and half of all medical cure, it is also cheaper when it makes fitness equipment for health clubs and gyms, is healthy exercise encouraged by

through sickness.

In Britain days off through sickness cost employers £533 per employee last year according to employee last year according to schemes for employees as well a 20 per cent rise in just as by reducing days lost to ill-

Forza has sponsored a report and employers paid an esti-mated 30-40 per cent of the bills. ular exercise. It claims that 70 for inactive employees.

per cent of all illnesses are linked to the lifestyle of the incosts are attributable to illnesses that could be prevented. It concludes that companies can save substantial sums by investing in healthcare schemes

which pay back in improved pro-ductivity, higher morale, lower

healthcare costs and reduced

staff turnover. Health clubs patrons are off work for an average of 2.11 days a year compared with 3.06 days

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UK BANKS AND BUILDING SOCIETIES -

Sainsbury and Whitbread lay on a spread for the new administration

Tomorrow J Sainsbury, the superstores chain, and Whitbread, now more of a leisure company than a traditional brewer, offer results.

With the stock market accepting Labour's landslide vic-tory with splendid indifference it is possible results could provide the main talking point.

On Friday an early markdown pulled in a few buyers, although utilities were under pressure as the message finally got home that their relatively comfortable existence could be coming to an end.

At this stage, of course, Footsie forecasts remain unchanged. After all, it is the size of the majority, not the result, which is a surprise and has not been factored into calcula-tions. So hopes Footsie could

the first week of the Labour administration.

strength under Labour as it enjoyed with the Tories. When John Major returned to No 10 five years ago Footsie was 2,436. Last week it closed at a

peak of 4,455.6.

Although blue chips have romped ahead this year their performances have been far from uniform. While drugs and banks have

scored gains of more than 20 per cent distributors and vehicle engineers at the other end of the spectrum are down 10 per cent with the market fretting about the impact of sterling's strength on industrial

Richard Jeffrey at Charter-house Tilney thinks the fall has been overdone but "it may not be until later in the year that this area of the market

moves back into favour". He sounds a note of caution

Food and drink is served up in will experience the same threat of rising interest rates in the first week of the Labour adstrength under Labour as it both the UK and US. We constructed the same threat of rising interest rates in both the UK and US. tinue to believe that these will do more damage to sentiment than the current trends in share prices are indicating."

Another aspect of the bull run, which has drawn forth little comment, is the failure of second-liners to join in the fun. Their reluctant performance is illustrated by the

rise 250 index, measuring the top companies outside Footsie.
True, after a somewhat sluggish display it picked up steam and established a modest string of record highs earlier this

But since peaking at 4,729.4 in March, the index has lost ground as Footsie has been in record-breaking form. Last week it closed at 4,498.1.

The brewers are among. those which have not fully shared in Footsie's celebra-tion. The sector has been ruf-

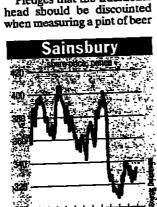


STOCK MARKET WEEK

DEREK PAIN Stock market reporter

of the year

and the introduction of a 48hour week. Pledges that the traditional



could also cost the beerage

Talk of the fierce competition among the big brewers and that the growing strength of retail-ers – pubs, supermarkets and hotels – will keep prices flat in a declining market has also taken its toll.

But Whitbread as the smallest of the major brewers can probably leave its bigger rivals, Bass and Scottish & Newcas-

tle, to slug it out. Under chairman Sir Michael Angus it has been highly adventurous and its collection of pub/restaurants, fast-food outlets, assorted restaurants, hotels and even coffee houses

profits to emerge at £320m, up from £283m.
On the other hand, Sainsis aimed at arresting a damagbury is set to confirm that it has

had a rotten year. It has been outgunned by deadly rival lesco and in January felt obliged to put out a profit warning.
So the once-leader of the
supermarket pack faces a doleful profits presentation. Around £650m against £764m to produce profits of £41m with an unchanged 12.1p div-

idend is expected. Its shares have fallen from a 582p peak in 1994 to finish last week at a sad 341.5p. They have

been down to 308p.

Is the worst over? NatWest Securities is far from sure. Its highly rated analysts, Tony MacNeary and Mike Dennis, say: "It is still too early to talk of recovery and the basis for profit upgrades remains absent." They add that clear ev-

counting for only 13 per cent of its profits.

Merrill Lynch expects year's profits to emerge at £320m, up It is five months into a five-year restructuring programme that

> ing profits slide. Interim profits on Thursday are not expected to produce any hope of better things to come. With the revamp still in its infancy and many of the old problems still unresolved the no-frills food retailer is likely

against £44.2m. Year's results are seen as emerging at £70m against the £135m of a few years ago. Body Shop International, another high street chain where profits have been far from spectacular, should offer evidence of a return to growth. Year's results, also on Thursday, of £39m against £32.7m.

are regarded as the most likely outcome.
Today British Petroleum of-

fers quarterly results. Its last three-mouthly figures were below market expectations; the first time such a disappoint-

ment had occurred since 1992. This time round if the oil giant manages net income at, say £715m, it should satisfy the

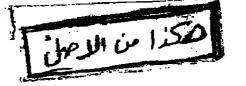
ever-demanding market. Royal Bank of Scotland, tomorrow, is forecast to produce interim figures of £360m

against £301m. It should have experienced strong banking profits, but the Direct Line insurance off-shoot is unlikely to do better than

break even. Others reporting tomorrow include BSkyB and Tate & Lyle. The satellite television station should offer nine-month profits of, say, £220m, up from £178m.

T&L has had a tough six months, particularly in the US, and its interim results will represent a bitter swallow with the sugar group reporting about £130m against £162.3m.

tions. So hopes Footsie could stretch to 5,000 points in a year's time remain undimmed. Still, it is doubtful if Footsie Still, it is doubtful if Footsie Started in Footsie stretch to 5,000 points in a year's time remain undimmed. Still, it is doubtful if Footsie Still, it is doubtful if Footsie He sounds a note of caution shared in Footsie stretch to 5,000 points in a about the market's strength. "In the sector has been ruffled by worries about the level of Labour's minimum wage of Labo
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GREG WOOD

If the Romans who built Chester ever raced horses on the Roodeye, you can be sure that someone was forever complaining that the big race on the first day of the May meeting was a lousy pointer to forthcoming events at Londinium and Eboracum. A similar charge will no doubt be levelled against the Chester Vase today, as pundits not simply because he carries the with a persistent grudge against the track's unique contours remind us that no Vase winner has gone on to win the Derby since Shergar in 1981. Those with a more broad-minded view of the future, however, will pay

close attention to its outcome. It may not be wise to adjust ante-post interest in the Derby too dramatically after today's feature (and with Entrepre-neur, the 2,000 Guineas winner, now at odds-on with Ladbrokes, the premier Classic appears something of a formality). Statistically, though, at least one of today's runners is likely to develop into a Group One winner, as the list of horses which have competed here in the last 10 years indicates. Old Vic, Belmez, Quest For Fame (who did win the Derby), Moonax, by a jump jockey, set up in the Toulon and Luso have run in the Vase and gone on to record victil his retirement in 1992/93.

ficiently unexposed to be short home straight. capable of almost anything between now and the autumn.

Ghataas was second to Pomonth with more ease than a half-length margin suggests. Yet it is Panama City (next best 3.10) who should prevail today, and green and blue silks of Robert Sangster, who looks on this as his local meeting - he is a resident of the Isle of Man - and likes his trainers to prepare his horses accordingly. Peter Chap-ple-Hyam's colt has just a single maiden win to his name, but he was runner-up both in the

Richard Dunwoody made his-

tory at Southwell yesterday, his

success on Jervaulx giving him

100 winners for the campaign

for the eighth season in a row.

He broke Peter Scudamore's

record for successive centuries

torics at the highest level, and a race won by Fahris in a useful two of today's runners - Pana- time. It is form which should give ma City and Ghataas - are suf- him the edge as the field hits this Aside from following Sang-

ster and his principal trainers, Barry Hills and Chapple-Hyam, the other traditional pursuit of RICHARD EDMONDSON

NAP: Solo Mio

(Chester 240)

NB: Kilcora

(Chester 2.10)

punters on the Roodeye is to pore over the draw, a vital consideration on a track which is basically just one big bend. In particular, they look for a fav-ourite in a wide stall in a race with a decent alternative drawn between three and eight, near Group One Gran Criterium in enough to the rail to get a good

He equals Scudamore's

record of eight career cen-

turies, the former champion

having also reached the land-

mark when he tied with John

Francome for the title in

pair close, baving become a cen- I need to keep fit until then."

It seems unlikely that any horse all week - perhaps all seating on the Oaks. Two of Henry Cecil's leading candidates for the fillies' Classic, Fascinating son - will fit the first requirement more completely than Rhythm and Fiji, were an-Break The Rules, who is the nounced as doubtful runners morning-line favourite for the Walker Smith & Way Handicap but will be closer to the River Dee than the running rail as he leaves stall 17. Rockforce, another with a major form chance. is next door in 16, and both must be taken on with GAME PLOY (nap 3.40), who makes his seasonal debut but improved throughout last year and is a previous winner over course and distance. The remaining tele-

Solo Mio (2.40) must go close. Assuming that Entrepreneur remains sound, there will be few major upheavals in the Derby market between now and 7 Milan and the Feilden Stakes at position but not so close that a June, but the same seems un-Newmarket's Craven meeting, slow start will remove all hope. likely to be true of ante-post bet-**Century record falls to Dunwoody**

"A lucky day," Dunwoody said. "I walked away from a

vised events are both maidens

and difficult to call, though

yesterday, while another, Jean Lesbordes' Mousse Glacee, was also the subject of disturbing rumours, although these proved harder to substantiate. Mousse Glacee is due to run this weekend and future plans should then become clearer, but Cecil's Oaks challenge seems sure to be restricted to Reams Of Verse, sixth in the 1,000 Guineas, and Yashmak, 14th of 15 runners in the same race.
"Both Fascinating Rhythm

and Fiji have lung infections and are being treated," Cecil said. "I don't know how long it will take them to recover completely. It looks unlikely that they will be able to run in the Oaks, but they are not definite not to run. I want Reams Of Verse and Yashmak to run in one of the Oaks trials, they are fine after the Guineas, though Yashmak was very disappointing. I think the trip was too short for Reams Of Verse." Reams Of Verse is 8-1 from

crashing fall from Crown Equer-12-1 for the Oaks with William ry and then got the 100. My next target is 1,500 winners, but I Hill, who continued to offer nced to keep going for another prices on the race through the 1981/82. Francome is the only season. I have no plans to take other jump jockey to run the a break until after Galway and series of stories and romours. unlike some other firms, who preferred to suspend their bet-Results, page 22 ling until the going was safer.

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With The Tempo (4.55).

WINNERS: IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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LONG-DISTANCE KUNNETS: Stompronge (2.55) has been sent. 196 miles by P Hashan from Middlehum, N Yorin; Bedoutn Prince (3.56) sent 281 miles by Mrs L Stubbs from Rutton Sensy, N Yorks.

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6 :	3	CHERYSAUS (17) (BF) P Cole 8 9	•

- 6 declared -BETTENS: 12-6 Chrystolia, 4-1 Fiven clock Shedow, 6-1 Figuria, Laborate

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2	2.55	HOLLINGBURY CLAIMING STAKES (CLAS F) £3,300 added 3YO 7f
1 1	-23156	SIGGROUGE (ISS) (RE) P Haston 9 7
1 2	04-143	WITHOUT FRENDS (25) J Flact-Heyes 9 3 S Whitworth
la	83	SQUIG SEEDI (B) Farstone 8 12
4	00-20	MAJOR THIST (38) (8F) R Hannon 8 9
5	550-	GOOD NEWS (241) It Madpuck & 8
6	362450	BOH GUEST (7) T / Headston 8 7
7	40000-	CHOPS: (238) R Johnson Houghton S 7
8	66-503	LE SHUTTLE (71) M Tompkes 8 0 Dale Gibean
ā	6	SOVERHAM (NO LI Absorrier 7 17 Martin Dever (3)

- 9 decimed -BETTMC: 7-2 Major Telet, 4-1 Stemmenge, 5-1 Soing Green, 11-2 With-set Friends, 13-2 Le Shettie, 7-1 Bon Guest, 10-1 Chople, 16-1 others

3	25	LADBROKE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,02 added 7f
1	0-3063	LO MAXIMUS (25) (CD) (SR) I Smyth-Ochourne 5 10 0
2	232173	APOLLO RED (14) (C) (D) G L Moore 8 9 12 Candy Monte :
3		\$223.06 (25) (C) R Harmon 5 9 6
4	00000-0	DELIGHT OF DAMA (8) (D) E Wheeler 593 A Day (9)
5		PERFECT POPPY (17)) Farstone 392D Harrison
6	051065	TYPH CREEKS (8) (D) V Scane 6 8 10
7		MOGEN (75) (CD) T. I Naugroon 4 8 10
В	0010-0	RIGHTY HO (13) P Waleyn 3 8 10
9	400-50	PEARL DAVIN (15) (C) P Clade 7 8 8

3.55 LADBROKE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added 1m 4f

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A 25 VARNDEAN SELLING STAKES (CLASS G)

		£2,875 added 1m 2f
	D16838	ROSEN REEL (6) (CD) 6 L Moore 6 9 12S Wildworth 7
i	2/40-0	ANOTHER FIDDLE (15) J Long 7 9 8S Sanders 8 B
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- 11 Stellar Line, 9-2 Roman Reel, 11-2 Law Dancer, 13-2 Resp

.55	Ladbroke maiden Handicap (Class E) £4,025 added 6f
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00-0	JOLES PRINCE (19) C Murray 3 9 2 Nicola Howarth 11
000-	DUSTON BOY (239) / White 3 9 2 Dale (@bets 14 B
0003-	PETER PERFECT (175) G Leves 3 8 13Paul Eddary 13
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7.30 DONCASTER SPONSORSHIP CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS D)

£5.000 1m 4f

8.00 GREAT LEGER RACING GAME GAMBLE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000

HYPERION'S

CHESTER

2.16: A fast start from a low draw sets up a big advantage in Chester sprints and Kilcora, from the yard that won this event with Connemara a year ago, has a fine chance of repeating that success for trainer Chris Dwyer and rider Kieren Pallon. Even better drawn, though, is DAUNTING LADY who justified market sup-port at Sandown on her debut.

2.40: FABLED LIGHT looks to have little chance on what he has achieved so far but it would be unwise to ignore this colt. The Wragg stable has maintained an excellent record at this meeting over the years and Fabled Light may have been aimed at this race. He was certainly not ance run at Newmarket three weeks ago. Solo Mio is the rival he must overcome. This one is saddled by Barry Hills, another trainer who loves winning at this meeting. Solo Mio was sufficiently highly regarded that he ran in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster in October. He was only 8th of 9, beaten 13 lengths. bythe winner, Medaaly, but that was a Group One contest.

3.10: PANAMA CITY's main task 3.16: PANAMA CTTY's main task this spring has been to be the work partner for Revoque, Peter Chapple-Hyam's 2,000 Guineas runnerup. But Panama City has already shown he will be making his own name by running Derby fancy Fahris to three lengths at Newmarket in April and can take this prize. The tough State Fair must be a dangeт.

3.40: Kieren Fallon is reunited here with CLIFFON BEAT - the partnership won a nine-furlong race at Newcastle in April 1994. Since the sumer of that year this six-year-old has developed into a decent hurdler, including a good fourth in a hot event at Aintree last month. Clifton Beat retains plenty of speed, will enjoy cut in the ground and should be able to take up a good early position from his low draw. Rockforce was a 25-1 shot when beating 21 rivals over Im If at Newbury two weeks ago and must go well again if not inconvenienced by softer going Knala Lipis, this year's Lincoln winner, disappointed at Newbury last time but cannot be ruled out. is another to look dangerous. He acts well on soft ground.

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RACING'S FUTURES MARKET Oaks Stakes (1m 4f 10yds) Coral William Hill Lagibroker Counting Rhythen (H Cecil) 12-1 Mouse Glacee II Lesbordes/Frj doubtful tos Of Yerse (H Cecil) 14-1 Styadh (Seed bri Surgor) 20-1 Ryafan (I Gosden) Jummer Dance (M Stoute) 16-1 Sarayir (W.R. Herri) 20-1 Ukraine Venture (S Woods) <u>14-1</u> Yeshmak (H. Cecil) <u> 25-1</u> Derashandeh (A de Royer Dupre/Fr) <u> 25-1</u> Notsette (J Gosden) <u>33-1</u> Strawberry Rose (A P O'Brien/M) 33-1 Chassah (J Gosden) Moonlight Peradise (Saced bin Surpor) 33-1 33-1 Ebediyla (J Ox)

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Entrepreneur (M Staute)	5-4	4-5	45	Biens
Revogue (P Chapple-Hyam)	8-1	-9-2	*9-2	7-1
Happy Valentine (Saced bin Suroor)	12-1	16-1	16-1	12-1
Yorkshire (P Cole)	14-1	16-1	16-1	16-1
Fahrle (B Hanbury)	16-1	20-1	16-1	20-1
Indiscreet (D Loder)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Medically (Sized bin Surpor)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Sheys (W R Hem)	16-1	16-1	16-1	25-1
Silver Patriarch (J Dunlop)	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Apprehension (D Loder)	25-1	33-1	25-1	33-1
Asas (Speed bin Surpor)	25-1	20-1	_ 33-1	_ 33-1
Benny The Dip (J Gosden)	20-1	25-1	25-1	33-1
Daylami (A De Royer Dupre)	doubtful	25-1	doubtful	33-1
Grapeshot (L Cumani)	25-1	25-1	doubtřul	33-1
Panarua City (P Chapple Hyam)	25-1	33-1	33-1	25-1
Romanov (P Chapple-Hyem)	33-1	25-1	25-1	38-1

CHESTER

Dangerous Diva (A P O'Bner/in)

HYPERION 2.10 Danting Lady (nb) 3.40 CLIFTON BEAT (nap) 2.40 Fabled Light 4.10 Great Child 3.10 Panama City . 4.40 Cherry Blossom

GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: Im 2f - stands side; rest - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best.

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■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Stoote → 15 winners from 67 runners gives a success ratio of £2.4% and a loss to a £1 level stake of £1.29; J Berry → 15 winners, 60 runners, 143%, -521.25; E Januson → 15 winners, 50 runners, 20.3%, +£1.56; A Balley → 11 winners, 130 runners, 8.11%, -\$75.92.

■ LEADING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery → 15 winners, 67 rides, 22.4%, -54.42; W R Swinners, 13 winners, 48 rides, 27.1%, +\$11.79; K Darley → 12 winners, 61 rides, 19.7%, +\$11.67; L Dettori → 12 winners, 67 rides, 17.9%, -\$11.68.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Highly Beryected (4.10).

WINNERS IN THE LAFT SEVEN DATS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Ghatass (3.10) sent £25 miles by J Danley from Arundel, W Sussex; Behånd The Scenes (2.40) sent £25 miles by C Cyar from Mapleburs, W Sussex.

INCOME LICE TO LEV ACADES STAKES (N. ASS D) FARES

11	210	£12,000 added 2YO 5f Penalty Value £7,457	X. 4
- 1			RATING
1 1	012	YOUNG YEAR (7) (D) (Mrs C A Torkington) P D Evens 8 10	forteme 5 98
1 2		DAUGHTANG LADY [11] [D] (T) Daley R Harmon & 8	Eddary 191
Iз	41	PENNELESS (16) (D) (Corsulton Ltd) N Tirker 88	Magner 8 86
1 4	03312	FILEY BRIGG (10) (D) (Disternyre Racing) W Kemp 8 5	J Quiten 7 83
5	2214	HEAVENEY ABSTONE (15) (D) (I EANDO) P D Bors 85	Etcs 4 V 81
l ē	2	KM_CORA (20) (Dr A Haloute) C Dayer 8 5	Fedon 296
ĺž	12	SALAMANCA (24) (DI) (Mrs Citys Disums) J Berry 8 5	Dealey & 96
lá		SCENE (7) [Paul J Dogot) M Meade 8.5	
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BETTRIR: 7-4 Dounting Lady, 3-1 Spinmanca, 7-2 Nilsona, 8-1 Young Box, 9-1 Pennitena, 10-1 Heavenly Abstone, 14-1 Piley Brigg, 20-1 Scene
1998: Connembra 8 B K Fallon 100-30 (C Dayler drawn (2) 5 cm

is 98: Comments 8 ft Falton 100-30 (C Dayer) drawn (2) 6 an Folker supple.

This will be worth seeing with the pacey pair substantance and Hearwenty Abstone burning up the ground around these bends. The question to be asked is whether they can stay clear of DALINTENE LADY, who received saw reviews from Pat Edday after her debut win at Sandbarn. There is also a dark horse in the roce in Milcora, from the stable that won the roce last year and a promising second to Padilica at Newtoniet, on her debut. Pat Edday was sanging the process of Deumsing Lady after the DALINTENE debut, with from Phone After at Esher. You cannot have two more contrasting courses, but Daumsing Lady is relien to have it esher. You cannot have two more contrasting courses, but Daumsing Lady is relien to have it eshers, in to peg back the speedcers after the recent rule. Satismence, a daughter of Paris House, won on soft ground at Musselburgh and again kooked sharp at Wewkits when caught on the line by Rising Of the Moon. This course is made for her and we know she goes in the ground. Heavenly Abstone will also love the sharp track and was slowly away on her debut when beaten by Satismence. The advice today is to forget her latest run at Brighton on a course which calon't suit her, but the lask still looks a still one for her. The Heavenly Abstone yard also now Young librar, whose half-trother Little thar loved this sharp course. He had the pace at numling Ponteiract to beat the smart The Boy John (second to the well-regarded Chips on Sunday) and rain well at the weights when second to Rushy Bate (re-Sib) at Nottingram a week ago. Soft-ground Hamilton when Filling Briggs and Pontalless, who reversed debut form with Out Like Mage at Thirds on 6th better terms, may find the company too hot, while Scenne needs to improve plenty on her Bath showing. Selections DALINTING LADY

2.40 THI CRABWALL MANOR MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £12,000 310 1m 2f 75yds Pensity Value £8,458	ļ
1 O BEHND THE SCENES (20) IR M Cyash C Cycer 9.0	2
2 03- COHOM FALLS (249) (Shelith Mohammed) Gosden 9 0	3
3 80-0 FABRED LIGHT (21) Moles Racing G Wage 90	9
4 48445 GET TRE POINT (10) U E Bigg) R Holimsheed 9 0F Lynch (5) 9 74	ı
5 SOUF (MARSOUR IR E Sangser) P Chappte-Hern 9 0	
6 05 RYPE SUPERIOR (22) Plobert Cou) A Bolley 9 C	,
7 64 MEMORISE (USA) (17) (K Abdulan) H Cacl 9 C	,
8 O- MONTFORZ (USA) (1949) (Sir George Mayrick) P Cole 9 OT Quinn 3 &	5
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[9 020 SOLD MOD (192) (Walle Said) B Hills 9 0	•
10 C WALKABOUT (17) (K Abdulari) 8 Hills 9 () D Holland 8 -	-
= 1D declared -	
RETTING: 5-2 Mamorise, 7-2 Suit Harbour, Solo Mio, 5-1 Course Falls, 13-2 Fabled Light, 12-1 Ba	٠

BETTING: 5-2 Mamoripe, 7-2 Salp Harhour, Solo Mio, 5-1 Coupe Falls, 13-2 Fabled Light, 12-1 Behind the Scanes, 14-1 Mantiort, 16-1 Walkabool, 20-1 Get The Point, Hype Separins 1998: Legal Right 9 0 J Raid 3-1. (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (3) 9 ran Point Guide Light Right 9 0 J Raid 3-1. (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (3) 9 ran Point Guide Light Right 9 0 J Raid 3-1. (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (3) 9 ran Point Guide Light Right 9 0 J Raid 3-1. (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (3) 9 ran J Right 9 0 J Raid 3-1. (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (3) 9 ran J Right 9 0 J Raid 3-1. (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (3) 9 ran drawn of the line some should relief the steep up in distance after Juversile rurst over seven furbrags and a mile, Promise was shown on his debut in Bloe River's race at Newmarket and he then faced a suit task in the Sandown race (led for sex furbrags) who by Medasly, who hater Sited the Racing Post Trophy, with Solo Mio well beaten. Solo Mio as reportedly a lazy horse who has grown a lot. His represent at ten on his York debut to reverse the form with Haltarn at Newbury when second to Wing Sound, and the stable's horses must always be respected at this forum. Both colls are making their respectance whereas Meanorise and Fabiled Light have had a recent rur. Memorise must take the beating after his fount to Rashk at Newbury (Lm). He's fount the family of Commenter in Chef and Dushyamor so warms a trip. Fabiled Light was not purhabed when hearten's related Light is sure to do better on this ground being a son of Alzzo. Peter Chappile Hyan has sunt this with Royal Solo and Legal Right so his Certicon newcomer Guiff Hambour could easily be good enough to threaten them all.

Sclections CONON FALLS

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(-		CHESTER VASE (GROUP 3) (CLASS A) £45,000 outled 3VO 1m 4f 68vds Penalty Value £29,250	
!		CHECKED VACE (COOLD S) (M ASS A) FARROO	
1 1 2	10	CHESIEM MOS (GILDOL A) (ASSOCIATION A) SACIONA	** - 1 - 2 - 3 - 5
113		added 3YO 1m 4f 66yds Penalty Value £29,250	
, ,	M2.2	CENTEROLES CEFT (19) (BA) (Maldourn Al Maldourn) E Daniop 8 10	
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2	2-1	GATING (TR) LIBITED U MENTANIA S NA PAR TO TO THE	A-1
13	2122.1	NAMA CLUS (FR) (12) (D) (Luckino General) M Sell 8 10 M	100日日211以
1 %		- AND SAND SICE MODE OF SUPERIOR PROGRAMMENT X 10	
4 5	212-2	STATE FIRE (219) (C) (Ray Richards B) Files B 10	U E 1 4
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BETTIME: 11-10 Passante City, 3-1. Glasters, 9-2 has Luis, 5-1 State Faix, 10-1 Semenus Gity 1956; High Benome S 10 ; Reid 11-4 (P Chaptie-Hyan) drawn (3) 6 mm. PORM SUBDE

PANAMA CITY is a progressive El Gran Senor cult who started on a low key when appreciate notion before going to havin to finish second to Heldo in the Group One Gran Criterium (Lim). He stayed on strongly in that treating ground and looked in great nick on his reappearance when second to Fehrira in the Feliclen States (1m 1) at Neumanist on last ground, personal state leafs and Derby near month as his prime target. He wouldn't want this ground are soft and Parsama City freshed stronger than him at San San. Ivan Luis won only a lartic race or Castanack on the responsive and may be stretched to cope with Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground and he's the one Parsama City today. Ghastanas has form in soft ground an

beaten by lean Luis at Thirsk last term, is over a longer trip on softer ground after his hend-icap run at Newmarket (pipped by River's Source). He may find Panama City too powerful over this distance. State Febr, a length second to Shamikh in the Cheshem States at Roy-al Ascor, did nothing behind Benny The Dip in the Royal Lodge on his final start. He has to be at a disadvantage today being without a recent run. Selection: CONON FALLS

- [3	3 40	WALKER SMITH & WAY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £15,000 added 1m 2f 75yds Panalty Value £10,866
Ľ	إخفت	£15,000 added 1m 2f 75yds Penalty Yalue £10,866 @ 3223
1		KUALA LIPPS (USA) (127) (Sultan Ahmed Stein) P Cole 4 10 0
• 2	015/01	ROCKPORCE (17) (D) (G Z Mbzl) M Channon 5 10 0
3	100-0	LICHEZE (LISA) (17) (M. Tabor) P Chapple-Hyart 4 9 12 Reld 10 94
4	00-364	BARDON HELL BOY (54) (D) (Mass M Bresin) B Hambury 5 9 12
5	21000-	GAME PLOY (POL) (178) (CD) (K R Kyneston) D Haydn Jones 5 9 10
Ø	02500-	BRANDON MARK (2009) (R P B Microstori) ! Boking 4 9 10 L Delton 2 93
7	050-05	STONE RIDGE (11) (Mrs C Harrington) R Harmon 5 9 7 Dane Official 7 93
8		WOT NO FIX (LS) (D) (Verniquip's Partnership) B Meetign 4 9 6
9	423004	PATER HOSTER (USA) (1) (New Window Factory) J A Harris B 9 6 C Lipsether (7) 8 88
1D	21042-	STATAMACK (200) (D) (Ms M E Slacie) D Esworth 9 9 2
11	4231-1	BREAK THE RULES (127) (C) (D) (A.) Lomas) M Pipe 5.9.1
12	0806-5	POLAR SCUPSE (24) (J R 6000) M Johnson 4 9 0
13	36020/	CLIFTON BEAT (USA) (217) (D B O'Connot) P Hobbs 6 8 7 K Felice 1 K Felice 1
14	-85006	CROKEZ LE PASSAGE (123) (A.J. Richards) K. Currengham-Brown 6 8 5, M. Roberts 8 B 85
15	312-15	ANAX-RU (12) (D) (Sutan Ahmed Sheh) Gay Kelleyay 4.8.4
16	40235-	WENTERBORE LND (254) (C) (J Pugh) P D Evens 7 8 3 F Egens 13 V 94
17	502565	NORTHERN FAN (4) (Speedich Group) N Tinker 5 7 10 L Channels 12 85
		- 17 declared -

4	10	SIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY EARL OF CHESTER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £25,000 3YO 7f 122yds Penalty Value £18,538
1		JESTREY AMORNERISED (46) (Highgove Developments) K McAuldle 9 7
2	2231-8	TEST THE WATER (12) () S Threednest R Harron 9 6
3		HANDAT 1120 Outstourn A Maintourni 9 Hills 9 3
4		WHAT HAPPENED WAS (229) (Bayle Lucator), Life M Meads 9 2, D Streemay (5) 5
5		FOOT BATTALION (27) (0) () E Beel R Hollensheed 9 2F Leech (3) 14
6		NOMORE HER NICEBUT (12) (Mrs Carol P McPhall) E Alston 9 1
7		PARTY ROMANICE (USA) (21) (Abdullet) All B Hambury 9 0
é		NO MORE PRESSURE (10) (D) (Paul Green) N Walter S 11
. 9		ENTERVISIONE (45) (The Gold Buster Syndicate) R Harmon 8 9
-10		TRULY PARCHED (USA) (15 (BF) (W L. Armong) P Chaptle-Hyam 8 9
11		RECHALLER (20) (Ms P D Player) D Loder 8 8. L Detterl 7
12	5/2.0	SREIT CHED (21) (Second Suitest) M Stoute 8 6
13	-CHECK) CAN'T REMEMBER (19) (C) (D) (Peter Garbam Ragne) P.D. Bains 8.5
14	WE-49	BOLLIN TERRY (24) (Sr Neil Westbook) T Ensety 8 1 Charact 2
15	11.494	RETURN OF ANIM (10) REP (Shelin Arm Daham) J Bethell 7 10
16	A00	HERRLY RESPECTED (12) (Conton Mylton) A Balley 7 10
-10	. 400	- 16 declared -
Mini	الأهو السادا	ht: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Highly Respected 7st 5th.
RI-1	(MC-6-1	Hannah, 6-1 Greek Child, 7-1 Rockwille, 8-1 Bollin Torry, Roturn Of Acain, 10-1 No More
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BETTINIS: 5-1 kmmls, 6-1 Quest Child, 7-1 Redutinis, 6-5 Belist Ferry, Riston Of Amin, 10-1 No More Pressure, 22-1 Highly Respected, Nonone Mr Misegay, Party Researce, 14-1 others 1996; Prends Ca 9 5 Pat Edday 14-1 (R Hannot) down (8) 13 cm.

FORM, GLIDE

GREAT CHILD can be expected to handle the ground and a pleasing run behind Summer Queen at Neumaniste with here put en edge on him. I Gau't Research run behind Summer on the course and with a favourable draw, has a great chance now that the rain has surved. This super-tough geiding has been beniging away with credit on the fact ground and he's given a great chance at the weights to reverse Doncaster form with Nomore Net New York and Standard Comment of the fact ground and he's given a great chance at the weights to reverse Doncaster form with Nomore Net New York and Standard Standard Comment of the fact ground and he's given a great chance at the weights to reverse Doncaster form with Nomore Net Nicegay at Beverley, the fact to the ground and a comfortable win from Nomore Mr Nicegay at Beverley. Ralsed just 5th, Hawait rates a big danger provided he copes. Devid Locier's Rechastinin is in her flast handloop after a recent Portfelfract Rint. She should like the ground having won on the all-wester. According at Hamilton (second to Folst) and Ripon (badly drawn).

Selections GREAT CHILD

4	.40	PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 3YO 5f Penalty Value £7,386
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5	3413-0	DOUBLE ACTION (27) (D) (C H Stevens) T Easterby 8 12
6	11250-	BAYPORD THERIST (2011) (D) (Mrs. Josen Turner) J Berry & 10
7	310-2	SARBOR (10) (The Queen) Beiding 89 1 Dettor 4
8.	10-440	SWIND (12) (2) (Swinnerton Transport (14) P.D. Evers 8.9 F Egen 14
9	14-0	CHESTRY BLOSSON (19) (b) (Handers Rating R Harmon & 7
10	224-43	DANGETHENGENTAWAY (5) (D) (6 A Bosley) B Meetian 8 6
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GOING: Good STALLS: Straight course - stands side; Round course - inside.

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Left-hand, pour-shaped course with 1 mile straight. DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low numbers best on round mile.

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Rececourse is east of town off the ASSE (M18 Jets 3 & 4). Bus link from Doncaster Central railway station (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION: Club 514; Grandsund 58; Family Bucksure 53 (under 18s free all enclosures). CAR PARK: Prec. BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.

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	FLEUR-DE-LYS W Musson 8 6 A McGlone
0	HAMERRA (17) M Meads 8 6 F Norton 19
6	TILL NOT SURE (45) J Berry 8 5 M Reberts 12
	MIGHTY SURE P Cakes 8 6
9	MISS BEVELED (25) M British & 6
	SECTH AVENUE R Whitsher 8 8 Dean McKepun
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	SWIFT TIME (7) M R Bosley 8 6C Retter :

- 13 declared -BETTROS: 5-1 Advancie, Calican, Flour-do-Lys, 6-1 Pm Not Sure, 7-1 Hause ra, 12-1 Diamond Steve, Silm Prior, Mighty Stre, 16-1 others

6	3.30	BEACHCOMBER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 7f
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2		DESERT CAT (21) M Wans 4 9 11 Carroll 15
3	0-1006	PROJECTLY SOUND (15) M Bell 4 9 7
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5	05545-	LEGAL ISSUE (158) (CD) W Hards 5 9 5 D Pears (3) 1
6	806-03	SOMEOTION BOY (18) (D) P Calut 7 9 4
7	530-66	ALLINSON'S MATE (41) (CD) T D Barron 9 9 3
В	-533000	WILL DO (14) M Meeds 493 F Norton 4
9	0151-1	BARRACK YARD (24) (D) A Storen 4 9 1
10	05-001	FAME AGAIN (7) (CD) Mrs J Ramsdan 5 9 1(6e), J Fortune 3
11	01006-	OCHOS RIOS (193) (C) (D) 8 Rothwell 8 9 0
12	05-00	GAM LINE (10) Bob Jones 4 B 13
13	/D400)-	AXEMAN (244) Miss) Boxer 5.8 13
14	0-8442	BE WARRIED (5) (6) (1) N Dods 6811
15		SAGEBRUSH ROLLER (36) (C) (D) J W Wats 9 8 11
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BETTMR: 13-2 Berseic Yard, 7-1 Pame Again, Sagebrosh Boller, 8-1 Al-mest, 10-1 Allimon's Mate, 8e Warned, 12-1 Ochos Blos, Mapoleon Star, 14-1 others

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GOING: Firm.

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BLINEREED FIRST TIME: Call Me Albi (6.15); Mr Strong

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PPPPS LITTLE ROYALEY (43) Mrs L Richards 8 10 4M Richards

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7.15 R K HARRISON INSURANCE BROKERS NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (CLASS H) £2,500 2m 5f

19 BO-0 BURLESQUE (27) J Bernel 3 7 13 20 440-05 PC'S CRUISER (8) N Latmoden 5 7 13

-3P121 LINK COPPER (9) Mrs E Tapin 8 12 0 ... Miss L Blackford (7)

-5 Gediered EETTING: 8-4 Nectanobo, 7-2 Berrow Street, 4-1 Globracken Lad, 6-1 Link

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Call Me Albi (6.15)	Copper, 7-1 Chism			
won at Newton Abbot on Friday. LONG-DESTANCE SUMMERS: Frontier Flight (6.15) has been sent. 341 miles by Mins L Siddall from Colson, North Yorkshire.	7.45 CHEDINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 3m 1f 110yds			
5.45 WHITSBURY NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,600 2m 1 521016 JOHN DRUMM (AU) (N) P Wester 6 11 13	1 11/013 DOUNLAGO (FR) (24) (D) M Ppe 7 12 0 A P McGoy B 2 25-675 JAMES PISS (21) (D) P Mchols 10 11 13 R Gomerody 3 1121/2 DELBICALIEN (11) (CD) N Boiley 8 10 9 N Wellington 4 233392 FROZEN DROP (14) (CD) P Richers 10 10 9 S Fox			

5.45 WHITSBURY NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E 521016 JOHN DRIMM (11) (0) P Wether 6 11 13..... 2 4F-111 NRS BM (14) (CD) P Notrolls 5 11 8 _____ L Committee (7)
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4 150:032 RED TEL (11) (BF) M Pipe 5 10 13 _____ A P McCoy 41PPOP WOODLANDS (#PATRIE (15) (D) P Printered 12 10 0 BETTING: 11-10 John Dromer, 5-2 Mrs Ber, 3-1 Red Tel, 10-1 Admiral Bruss 6.15 PONTHELL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 2m 5f

Minimum weight: 10st. True weights: Fungione Set 10s, Woodlends Gentile Set. BETTENS: 11-4 Frozen Drop. 3-1 December, 7-2 Spinning Steel, 9-2 Drumstallen, 6-1 James Pigg, 10-1 Forgrove, 50-1 Woodlands Genkire

8.15 ROCKBOURNE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m 6f

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Manning

shows

his true

potential

News of Paul Manning's victory in the four-day Tour of Lan-cashire was flashed to Chris

Boardman in France yester-

day, signalling that another rid-

er from the Wirral racing

"stable" was on track for a

Less than an hour after a

promising career.

Cycling ROBIN NICHOLL

CRICKET: Essex skipper inspires rout of Somerset as Surrey savage Hampshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup

Prichard peppers the boundaries

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Chelmsford Somerset 269-8 Fssex 270 Essex win by eight wickets

This was a match between two sides of contrasting styles: conventional Essex against the topsy-turvy cricket of Somerset as envisaged by their new coach, Dermot Reeve. Surprisingly. in a form of the game that is forever mutating, convention won hands down, a personal best of 114 by Paul Prichard rendering a high-scoring match a virtual

no-contest as Essex secured victory with more than seven overs to spare. Essex have yet to lose a game

in any competition this season. This win means they are more or less guaranteed a home tie for the quarter-final round in three weeks' time. They still have to play Ireland in Downpatrick, but with three wins already, a pre-match Guinness or two is unlikely to incur the captain's disapproval.

Indeed Prichard, currently enjoying a rich vein of form, is quite likely to be buying the first round. After a winter spent recuperating from an operation

Bicknell's spell sparks collapse

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Southampton

Surrey 228-9 Hampshire 63 Surrey win by 165 runs

To Surrey a crushing victory and two crucial points to leave them with a good chance of qualifying for the knock-out stages of the Benson and Hedges Cup. To Simon Renshaw, the Hampshire seamer, a share of the honours. Renshaw, 23, helped complete a bizarre Hampshire double. Three days earlier, in the same competition, John Stephenson, their captain, had recorded the worst bowling figures (2 for 79) by any Hampshire player in the

In vesterday's rain-interrupted day Renshaw picked up six for 25 - the best figures by any Hampshire bowler in the 50-over competition. Not that it did his side any good. Their batting let them down again and they slipped to their second heaviest defeat in the Cup. They have now lost all six of their

one-day matches this season. They were five wickets down with just 23 runs on the board. thanks to a spell of 3 for 0 in seven deliveries by Martin Bicknell. Few sides come back from from

and to the second, placings unattered.

3.20: 1 PERTIFIE HOUSE (M Roberts)

£29.46.
2.8: 1 HALMANERROR J Fortune) 5-1:
2. Mr Speaker 16-1: 3. Two On The Bridge 9-1. 12 ran. 5-2 fav Amron. 1½, 1. (Mrs J Ramssien). Totas: £7.00; £2.30. £2.60. DF: £160.50. CSF: £85.35. Incast: £672.95. Tric £652.80. NR: Fairy Proce.

ot: £27,30. Quadpot: £22.00. %: £34,57. Place 5: £17,59.

2.00: 1 DISALLOWED (A P McCoyl 1-12

(av. 2. Rachel Louise 10-1; 3. Up The Tempo 33-1. 4 ran. 10, 5. IMISS H Knight). Total £1.20. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.13.
2.30: 1. TRUST DEED (D Salver) 10-1; 2.

Mr Physfull 9-4; 3. Decyborg 8-11 fav. 6 ran. 11/4, 12. IS Wilgim, Tota: £6.50; £2.50, £1.40, DF: £10.70, CSF: £32.37.

3.00: 1 ATH CHEANNATHE (Toscombe) 5-4; 2. Blatr Castle 5-4 fax: 3. Gablah 50-1. 4 ran. 4, dast. U Nevide). Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.67.

3.30: 1. WIX.DE WONDER (A PMcCoy) 9-4 ||-tav; 2. Jonijas Chudielgh 9-4 (-tav; 3. Wot No Gin 3-1. 5 ran. 16, 13. (M Bradstock). Tota: £3.20; £1.60, £1.20. DF: £3.10. CSF:

33. 4.00: 1. CHILIPOUR (Mr L Baker) 4-6 fav:

2. Mighty Falcon 7-1: 3. Abbotshess 11-2. 8 ran. Nr. 8. (V Darriel). Tota: £1.80; £1.40, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £6.07.

4.30: 1 BRAMSHAW WOOD (Frost 20-1; 2. Storm Forecast 11-8 for 3. My Micky 20-1, 12 ran. Nk. 7. (R Amer), Tota; 522:00: £4.30. £1.20, £5.40. DF: £15.50.

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2,00: 1. EIA AGAPI MOU (P Holley) 6-4 fey: 2. Sterling Fellow 20-1: 3. Anna Soleil 11-4.6 ran. 2%; 11. (G L Moore). Totas: 52.70: 51.70, £3.90. DF: £14.70. CSF:

23.36. 1 kjeep ff ZIPPSD (J Osborne) 8-11 (2 fin-ing), 10.40 Sherwood), Toter £1.50. DF:

tary 2. massure russioner 3.1.4 rear (a mil-shed), 10. (0 Sherwood). Totes £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.21. 3.00: 1. JENZSOPH (3 Tormey) 9-4; 2. Peter Monaumy 8-13 fax: 3. The Gray Fea-an 33-1.6 ran. 19.3. "Photos). Totes £3.30. £1.50. £1.30. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.80. NEx Carcus Colours, Hafrich Tam. 3.30: 1. FULL, OF TRICKS (1. Aspett) 10-1: 2. Eaul \$6 Stoe 20-1; 3. Swift Polecy 50-1. 5 ran. 1. 3 fax Snowy Penel \$, ds. 10 Bridgen. Totes £6.90: £2.90. DF: £17.30. CSF: £48.60. NRC Chapilites. Another Commoly (4-1) withdrawn not under orders. Rufe 4 deduc-tion of 20p in the pound on all bets. 4.00: 1. BLAZER MORINIERE IS Fox 3-1; 2. Grooving £1.8 fax; 3. Potden Pride 9-2. 8 ran. 3. 10. IP Rothers). Tote: £4.40; \$1.80. £1.80. £1.70. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.75. Tocast: £18.03. NR: Mine's An Ace.

Piscepet: £80.80. Quadpot: £6.00. Pisce 8: £29.91. Pisce 5: £24.78.

CSF: £41.61

with aggressive strokeplayers. Hampshire do not. Matthew Keech spent an hour reaching 20 and Paul Whitaker's duck took 20 minutes as Surrey's four seamers dominat-

ed. By then the best had gone. Hampshire crept past their lowest total - 50 against Yorkshire at Headingley in 1991 but not by much. Surrey also had the edge in the field. James Knott (son of England and Kent's Alan) pulled off a stunning catch to dismiss Matthew Hayden, and Ben Hollioake leapt left-handed to hold on to a scorehing drive at mid-off from Dimitri Mascarenhas.

But Surrey could have subsided to little themselves, stumbling as they did at the start. Their normally tough top order had all the resilience of wet tissue as four wickets fell for 22.

It called for some discipline and Adam Hollicake, their captain, obliged. In 99 balls of graft and craft Hollioake guided them back into the realms of respectability earning himself the gold award. He and Nadeem Shahid (52) chipped away at the Hampshire attack and put on 138 for the fifth wicket.

Hollicake reached 80 before he fell to the first brilliant catch, his Hampshire counterpart John Stephenson sprinting 30 yards to et to take a stunning sticky situation, but they bristle enough to restore Surrey fortunes. that total was.

on his back, he has recovered both his touch and confidence, the latter's fluctuations having been caused mainly by a horrendous injury in 1987 when he had his right index finger shattered by a beamer from a raw Allan Donald.

On a pitch of even bounce and pace, Somerset simply found it impossible to bowl at him. By picking the length early, he can cut and pull deliveres that others would merely be content to defend with a dead bat. Even Andrew Caddick, a likely member of England's Test attack this summer, was unable to command his respect and Prichard punctured the field at will as he and Law put on 202 for the first wicket.

It is not often a player of Law's calibre is outscored as the Australian was here over the early part of the innings. However, it was not long before Essex's overseas player began to get back on terms, and he fairly assaulted Mushtaq Ahmed's first over as three sumptuous fours came from three different strokes, each clattering into the boundary boards in a different part of the ground.

The Pakistani leg-spinner who had overwhelmed Ireland with seven wickets a few days ago, was clearly carrying a sore knee, apparently injured while carrying his cricket bag up the pavilion stairs. After Essex's roaring start (100-0 after 15 overs) Somerset needed him to be at his best. Unfortunately for them, his first over set the tone and Mushtaq's three overs cost 31 runs, whereafter he spent the remainder of the innings hobbling about in the field.

Having a progressive coach running the show is never dull and the Somerset innings was full of the machinations of Reeve's hyperactive mind. Michael Burns, who followed his old captain from Warwickshire, scored 91 before playing across a straight one from Paul Grayson's left-arm spin. Mushtaq, his knee injury

strangely yet to reveal itself, was promoted and merrily clocked up a rapid 31 as Somerset tried to increase their momentum. In the end, a well-paced innings of 64 by Richard Harden pushed Somerset past the 260 mark.

It was only after the assault pens are the exception. They catch over his shoulder. By then by Prichard and Law that everycan, and did, wriggle out of a though Hollioake had done one realised how inadequate



Mushtaq Ahmed hooks Ronnie Irani as he rattles up 31 runs at Chelmsford yesterday

Smith ups the pace Taylor lifts Sussex

Neil Taylor struck a superb 116 to help Sussex to a 34-run victory against Gloucestershire in the Benson and Hedges Cup at Hove yesterday.

Sussex, recovering from a poor start, amassed 273 for 4 after choosing to bat, with Gloucestershire falling short despite Jack Russell's 66 off 72 balls. The spinners Amer Khan and Nicky Phillips both claimed three wickets as the visitors were dismissed with 15 deliveries remaining.

Taylor, the former Kent captain, put Sussex firmly on top in a third-wicket stand of 208 off 34 overs with Mark Newell, who made 87 on his debut in the competition. This set a new Sussex record for any wicket in the B&H Cup and took Taylor past 2,000 runs in the competition.

Taylor, whose slow start saw e 31 deliveries to reach nine, then raced to his 50 from day 16 June has been rescheda further 31 balls, doing so in

emphatic style by sweeping the spinner Richard Davis for six. Taylor powered to his 100 off only 39 more deliveries and had mmered 11 fours and a six when he was run out with two

overs of the innings remaining. Sussex must now beat Surrey in their final group game to have any chance of reaching the quarter-tinals. Kent kept their 100 per cent record in the competition by beating British Universities by

four wickets at Canterbury yesterday. Nigel Llong, with 75 off 65 balls, guided them home with five overs to spare. Kent. however, may be without their slow left-armer Min Patel, who played in two Tests for England last year, for the rest of the season. Patel has a knee injury.

Sussex, hoping to beat Sur-rey and Warwickshire to be the first county to play a Sunday League match under lights, have confirmed that the fixture against Essex at Hove on Monuled for the previous day.

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Edgoaston

Warwickshire 233-8

Yorkshire 14-0

The weather spoiled what was building up into a fascinating evening's cricket vesterday. Warwickshire's captain. Andy Moles, may have briefly considered bowling first on a pitch with a green tinge, but it was a fine morning and, with a bad

forecast for later, he sensibly chose to bat. On a pitch which allowed some movement and had a suspect bounce, batting was never easy and Warwickshire were indebted to a typically compelling innings at the start by Neil Smith, whose 57 included nine

fours and took only 61 balls. He was helped by four poor overs from Chris Silverwood. who bowled short and wide and was gleefully dispatched to the square boundary by Smith.

ven and later Smith drove both Peter Hartley and Craig White

By then. Moles's poor trot had continued when, without any real footwork, he pushed at Darren Gough and edged the ball into his stumps, and Dougie Brown had played White's first ball straight to short midwicket.

strokes from David Hemp including a pull for six off Hartlev. At 94, Smith carved White to deep cover and two runs later Hemp was vorked in Michael Vaughan's first over of off-spin. After that, Dominic Ostler, Trevor Penney and Graeme Welch all made useful contributions to a total which may prove to be big enough.

Rain lengthened the interval and in the third over of the Yorkshire innings there was another break. In the final spell of three overs in everworsening light Yorkshire will have been grateful not to lose a wicket, although they still

Somerset won aces

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Bowling: Smoth 10-2-39-2: Young 10-2-32-1: Handook 9-0-32-0: Meyers 10-0-76-0: Davis 10-0-59-0. Ball 4-0-35-0.

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through the covers.

There were a few good

over-pitched, he was on-dri- have plenty to do.

drenched Manning finished the final day with his lead of 28 seconds still intact, Roger Legeay, the manager of Boardman's GAN team, heard on his mobile that the lanky Midlander was living up to the world champion's prediction of future fame. Peter Woodworth, Boardman's business partner and the man behind Manning's Adidas-Sci-Con team, was quick to

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let Legeay know that there was more talent in the pipeline. "Paul should follow the same route as Chris Newton," Woodworth said. "Our contacts with GAN helped to get Newton set up in France." Newton won the Tour of Lancashire, Britain's premier stage race, last year and

is now winning races in France.
Yvonne McGregor, the world
No 2 from the Adidas team, won the Tour of Navarre in Spain recently to boost the stock of the Boardman-Woodworth set-up

Manning, 22, riding a bike originally intended for Board-man, finished 2min 4sec behind yesterday's stage winner, Joe Bayfield, but without any worries as Bayfield, with an aggregate deficit of more than six minutes, could not threaten his victory.

Most of the worries landed with the organisers as torrential 🛕 rain flooded part of the course, calling for a change of route during the race, and a reduction in the mileage from 82 to 70. Rain putting paid to the pho-

to-finish camera hardly mattered. Bayfield came home 53 seconds clear of the Welshman seconds clear of the Welshman Matt Beckett, with riders still straggling in 27 minutes laier. TOUR OF LANCASHERE Fish stage (Manchester Manchester Iou, 70miles): 1 J Bayfield (Compowers) 2-461-4; 2 M Beckett (Wall +53sec; 3 P West Addas-Set-Coril +2mr Asec; 4 A Naylor (Arntorsa); 5 P Willes (Gart R D: 6 C Waller (Team Imader) all samure. Final overall poaltions (either five stages and 221 miles): 1 P Merrurg (Addas-Set-Coril 8:05:12; 2 K Dawson (Castell) +28sec; 3 S Bray (Gant R T) +35sec; 4 West +42sec; 5 M Stephers (North Warst-Modak) +49; 6 B Flering (Camora S C) +1:32. Science in Sport points: Waller, Alexa King of the Mountaine; Waller, Alexa King of the Mountaine; W Randie

sweeps to title

Table tennis

Jan-Ove Waldner recaptured the world title he first won in Dortmund eight years ago when he defeated Vladimir Samsonov, of Belarus, in the men's singles final at the World Championships in Manchester yesterday.

Samsonov, who produced the major upset of the event by dethroning the champion. Kong Linghui, in the semi-finals, expressed his fear after that success that the Swede would prove a tougher proposition in the final. So it proved, as Waldner, the 1992 Olympic champion who was playing in his fourth world final in his last six attempts, swept to the title 21-12, 21-17, 21-13.

Wang, 19, came into the final with confidence, suggesting there was little in Deng's game

Meanwhile, the risk of a breakaway from the circuit run by the International Table Tennis Federation is increasing, the players' association warned. The Club of Table Tennis Professionals wants to develop a satellite circuit in Europe with six to 10 of the leading existing tournaments and says it is prepared to go ahead with it even

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Deng Yaping, the Olympic champion, stepped up a gear after losing the opening game to overwhelm her fellow Chinese Wang Nan and retain her world. singles title. Deng, 24, had too much power and guile for her rival, winning 12-21, 21-8, 21-11, 21-10 to underline fier reputation as the foremost female player of the modern era. There was little emotion when she completed her victory, merely a short, sharp cleached fist to mark her success...

there was little in Deng's game to fear except her greater experience. That proved the vital factor. Deng began slowly and tentatively and Mane had plenty of time to play her shots as she rolled to the pressure. But when Deng increased the pressure. Wang started to wit and the champion rared to victory in just inder an hour.

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without the approval of the

RACING RESULTS

4.30: 1. ST VILLE (G Supple) 9-2: 2. Scuol Missille 11-2: 3. Jackson Flint 9-2. 10 ren. 100-30 fav Plinth, 1½. 1½. (R Buckler), Totas: 55.20: 51.80, 51.80, 51.90, DF: 56.30. CSF: DONCASTER DONCAS I ER

2.20: 1. JACKERIN (K Fallor) 9-2; 2. Dim
Ots 2-1 fav; 3. Euro Venture 7-1. 7 ran.
19, 19. (B Rothwell). Tote: £A.40; £1.90.
£1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £13.79. NR: Ragford (12-1), withdrawn not under orders. Rule
4 deduction on all bets, 5p in the pound.
2.50: 1. PALACEGATE TOUCH (6 Carer) £27,38. Theast: £108.96. Placepot: £429.90. Quadpot: £35.90. Place 8: £72.64. Place 5: £41.26.

HAYDOCK

2.50: 1. PALACEGATE TOUCH to Carery
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7-2; 2. Lord High Admired 13-8 fav; 3. General Sir Peter 6-1. 9 ran. 21/. 2. U Berry).
Tota: 25-20: £1.60. £1.20. £1.90, DF: £3.60.
CSF: £8.75: £1.70: £9.70. NR: Ramsey Hose.
After a stewards incury and objection by the HAYDOCK
2.00: 1. SHOUK (0 Urbrail 7-4 lav; 2. Georgia Venture 8-1; 3. Manuetti 9-4. 6 rm. 17. 19. (L Currani, Newmarket). Tota: £3.00: £1.60, £2.60. DF: £5.50. CSF: £15.40. NR: Lindinck Ladv.
2.30: 1. HOH CHI MIN (J Reid) 6-1; 2. Ron's Pet 7-4 fav; 3. Peter's Impl 11-2. 9 rm. Str.-10, 3%. (M Bell, Newmarket). Tota: £6.80; £1.60, £1.10, £1.30, DF: £6.10. CSF: £16.51. Tho: £7.30, After a Stewards mounty, relatings unaltered. 3.20: 1. PEARTREE HOUSE (M Roberts)
8-1: 2. Dokos 4-6 tar, 3. Chema Peradiso
12-1. 6 ran, 1, 2. (W Muir). Tote: £8.80;
£2.30, £1.40. DF: £4.50. CSF: £13.40.
3.55: 1. POLAR CHAMP IC Webbi 9-1;
2. Remand Sun 5-1; 3. BBy Bushwacker
7-2 fav. 9 ran. Nk. 6. (S Woods). Tote:
£13.00: £3.20, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £29.70.
CSF: £50.32. Theast £174.54. The £19.30.
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4.25: 1. RAMIKE [M Roberts] 7-4 fav; 2.

Jacins unaltered.
3.00: 1. TOMBA (K Darley) 8-1; 2. Cayman Kai 6-4 fav; 3. Man Howe 5-1. 8 ran.
M. shi-hd. (B Meshan, Lambourn). Tota:
130.80: £1.80. £1.20. £1.90. DF; £12.10. CSF: £19.11. 3.30: 1. CRAIGIEVAR (N Varley) 9-4 fav. 2. Ramooz 5-2: 8. Musick House 7-2. 5 4.25: 1. RAMIKE [M Roberts 7-4 fav; 2. Sad Mad Bad 15-2; 3. French Mist 12-1.6 rar. 11/4, 11/4. (M Johnston). Tota: £2.40: £1.30, £2.80, DF: £6.90, CSF: £13.74. 4.5£1. PRICHINCHA (N Day) 4-1: 2. Mystic Quest 15-2: 3. Top Sheft 13-2. 6 ran. 9-4 fav (Almati 16th). 31/4. 6. (D Mons). Tota: £4.80; £2.10, £3.10, DF: £21.60, CSF: £29.46.

2. Ramooz 5-2: 3. Musick House 7-2. 5 ran. 2/s. 1/s. UFarshave, Newmarksu, Totar £3.50; £1.80, £1.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £7.24, NR: Master Boots. 4.05: 1. TURGENEV (M. Barch) 5-1; 2. Weish Mill 10-1; 3. Bellara 5-1, 11 ran. 4-1 tav Shaley Sue, 11/s. 6. (R. Bastiman, Wether), Totar £5.30; £2.00, £4.80, £1.50. DF: £37.10. CSF: £54.37. Thrast: £250.28. Tho: £62.60.

562.60.
438: 1. RICKENBACKER (I Red) 11-8 fav;
2. Sky Commander 9-2; 3. Welcome
Home 50-1. 12 ran. ½. ½. (P. Chapple-Hyam,
Manton). Totar 22.50; 51.30, 52.00, 510.80.
DF: 56.20. CSF: 57.28. Tuo; Not won.

Dr: 2020. CSr: 27.25. tro: Not work. 2. ATS ARM 2-1 for: 3. Ledgerdry Line 5-2. 4 ran. Hd, 7. (R Hannon, East Berleigh, Total: 52.10. Dr: 62.50. CSr: 56.58. NR: Lombards. pot: £35.40. Quadpot: £8.90. 16: £18.25. Piace 5: £8.08.

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2.10: 1. ANOTHER FANTASY (Dane
O'Neill) 13-2; 2. Imdian Silver 4-1; 3. Poetto 9-2. 8 ran. 5-2 fav Memonal (4th). 2½.
3. (R Hannon, East Everleigh), Tote: £8.30;
£2.00. £1.70, £2.10. DF: £14.70. CSF:
£28.12

28.12. 1. MR WILD (T Quant) 4-1 fev; 2. Attentic Mist 9-2: 3. Towardek 6-1, 12 ran. 2%; 4. (R Akerurst, Epsom), Tota: £4,70; £2.10, £180, £2.50, DF; £9.60, CSF. £18.69. Troast; £97,30, Tro: £15.80. 3.10: 1 AUTUMN COVER (G Hand) 33-1: by Leader 12-1; 3. Gold Spats 12-1; on Arsenal 33-1, 16 ran, 9-2 tay Con-or, shehri (P Hender, Chuchester), Tobac cer Un. 7., sra-hd. (P Hedger, Crichester). Total £64.90; £9.20, £3.50, £2.80, £4.80. DF: £916.10, CSF: £369.21. Troast £4.566.37.

231.00.00; 2.008.21. INCSC 24,000.37. Tho: £1,974.30.
3.40: 1. TUMBLEWEED PEARL (0 Pesier) 4-1; 2. March Star 8-1; 3. Snap Greck-le Pep 7-1. 11 ran. 11-4 fav likdam. 1. hd. IB Meehan, Lambourn). Tota: £4.50; £1.90.
53.00. £2.20. DF: £18.20. CSF: £33.24. Tho: 1154.39.

1.10: 1. ZALITZINE (O Pester) 10-11 fav. 2. Lonely Heart 9-1; 3. Herry's Mother 18-1. 13 ram. 11/L 14. (M Stoute, Newmarket). Total £1.80; £1.20, £1.50, £2.20, DF: £6.70, CSF.

ELRO: £1.20, £1.50, £2.20, DF: £6.70, CSF: £7.48. Tito: £2.90.
4.40: 1. PRINCE OF DEBAIL (\$ Winworth) 16-1: 2. Strathmore Clear 6-1: 3. Bold Oniverted 4-1 p-faw, 15 rate, 4-1 p-faw Bubbly, Sm-hd, 1½. (D Arburhort, Compton). Tota: £52.70; £9.00, £2.40, £2.20, DF: £136.10, CSF: £105.31. Tricast: £442.23. Tric: £138.30. Mist: Contentment, SF: £6bot, After a stewards' motion, placings unaltered, £10: 1. BADLESMERE (FI Qum) 5-1; 2. Sheheen 100-30; 3. Chief Monarch 16-1. 17 rate, 3-1 fav Warmingbrd (44h) ½. 2½. (P Cole, Whatcombe). Tota: £7.60; £2.50, £1.80, £5.50, OF: £5.70, CSF: £23.38. Tio: £201.40.

\$201.40. BINT BALADEE (I. Detron) 5-2; 2. Setfish 5-4 fax; 3. NubBe 15-1, 12 ren. Hd, 14. (Seeed bin Suroor, Newmarket), Tota: 12.40, £1.90, £1.30, £6.90, DF: £1.90, CSF. £6.98, Tro: £21.70. Jesépot: Not won. Pool of £4.237.74 carned forward to Chester today. Placepot: £480.60. Quadpot: £113.50. Place 6: £145.33. Place 5: £70.23.

LUDLOW 2.30: 1. BRIGHT ECLIPSE (M Griffiths)
11.2: 2. Serious Option 25-1; 3. Flash Chick
66-1. 7 ran. 8-11. fex Royal Ag Nag Ipulled
up). 19, 8. U "Streat, Totel: £10.40: £2.10.
£3.60. Dual Forecast: £26.10. Computer
Straigh Forecast: £73.14.
3.05: 1. EMBANKENT IM A Rugerald)
2.5 fax; 2. Floosy 12-1; 3. Music Please
4.1. 11. ran. 2, 2½. (N Henderson. Totel:
£1.50: £1.20. £1.50. £1.30. DF: £4.90. CSF:
£8.05. 2.30: 1 Bright Ecupse (M Griffiths)

15.05.
3.35: 1. NORDIC VALLEY (D Weish)
11-4; 2. Furry Fex 4-1; 3. Sowies Patrol
7-4 fav. 9 ren. 3. 10. (M Prps). Tota: £3.00:
£1.70, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £10.60. CSF:
£1.277. Thrast: £22.28. 4.05: 1. COURAGEOUS KNIGHT (B Fen Tote: £8.00; £3.80, £1.70. DF: £6.70. CSI £16.16. After a stewards trigulry, placings or

4.35: 1. SIGMA RUN (M.A. Fizgeriki) 13-8 tar, 2. Eurolink Shadow 5-1: 3. Hugh Daniels 33-1. 6 ran. 25. 6. U O'Sheat. Tote: 52.70; £1.70, £2.40. DF: £4.40, CSF: £9.23, NR: 83fy Cruse.

Saly Cruse.
5.05: 1. ONE MORE DINE (8 Fentor) 10-12. The Eens 8-1: 3. Generatix 12-1. 11 ran. 15-8 fav Hancock (pulled up). %. 19. () Needhami. Tote: £18.90; £2.50, £2.40, £2.50. DF: £75.85. Thotast £899.48. zsss.46. Piecepot: £380.90. Quadpot: £49.23. Piace 6: £282.88. Piace 5: £19.43.

NEWCASTLE 2.25: 1. ANGEL HILL (I. Charnock) 20-1; 2. Oh Never Again 2-1 fav; 3. Fairy Domi-no 11-2. 15 ran. 1, 4, (T D Barron). Total no 11-2, 15 ran. 1, -7, (1) building forecast: £35.50; £8.50, £1.40, £2.70. Dual Forecast: £40.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £54.50.

£40.80. Computer Straight Forecast: £54.50. This £108.80. 2.55: 1. DESERT FIGHTER (A Culture) 5-2; 2. Opaque 9-1; 3. Hesta La Vista 9-2, 6 ran. 2-1 fav Ballpoint. Hd. 2%. Mrs M Reviey). Tote: £2.60: £2.20, £2.20. DF: £18.30. CSF: £22.45. 2.25: 1. SNOKEY FROM CAPLAW U F Egan 8-1; 2. Hever Golf Mover 10-1; 3. Levelled 15-1; 4. La Dolce Vita 14-1. 19 ran. 5-1 tav William's West. %. %. () 3 The Bill. Tota: £10.90: £1.30, £1.90, £5.60. £5.70. DF: £246.00. CSF. £82.77. Tricast: £1,209.63. This £386.80.

Thro: £366.30.

4.00: 1. STAKIS CASINOS BOY (/ Weaks)
13-2; 2. Foreign Rute 1-2 fax; 3. Heart Of
Gold 13-2. 7 ran. 3. 1/4. (M Johnston). Tota:
£7.00: £2.30. £1.30. DF. £3.80. CSF:
£9.75

1.75. 4.30; 1. ROCK ISLAND LINE (P Roberts) 1: 2. Kemo Sabo 5-2 fav; 2. Bon Secret 1: 1.3 ran. 24, 14. (J Berry). Tota: £3.60; 1.30. £1.80, £3.40. DF: £5.90. CSF: £2.30. £1.00. £2.60. £10.76. Thor: £62.60. 5.00: 1. CAN CAN LADY (I Weaver) 11-4 far; 2. Smart Spirit 5-1: 3. Jaib 5-1. 10 rsn. Srt.-hd. 7. (M Johnston). Totac £2.80: £1.70. fav, 2. Somer ingenie Smi-nd, 7. (M. Johnston). Toke: £2.80; 52.10. £1.80, £2.20. Puel Forecast: £11.50. Com-Smartht Forecast: £15.41. Trosst puter Straight Forecast: £15.41 11 £61.57. This: £33.30. Piacepet: £26.50. Quedpot: £7.50. Piace 6: £49.95. Piace 5: £27.14.

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2.30: 1. APPEARANCE MONEY (M Foster) 6-1; 2. Cool Weather 11-2; 3. Ball Tender 11-2; 8 ran. 2-1 fav Bt Of A Oream. 9.
5. (F Murphy). Tote: 55.90; £1.70, £1.50, £1.60. Dusi Foreast: £22.90. Computer Straight Foreast: £33.90. Trosst: £171.68.
3.00: 1. PRINCE BUCK (J Radron 13-2: 2. Alasken Heir 14-1; 3. Ferm Leader 8-1. 9 ran. 10-11 fav Crown Equery. 20. 3. (M Roberts). Totes: £7.70; £1.80, £2.20, £2.30. Dusi Foreast: £38.40. Computer Straight Foreast: £38.40. Computer Straight Foreast: £30.92. NR: Royal Hand.
3.30: 1. ROYAL SQUARE (M R Thomton) 16-1; 2. Peruvian Gale 5-2; 3. Acajon H 11-10 fav. 5 ran. 10, 20. (N Ltmroden). Totes £12.60; £3.00, £1.30. DF: £20.10. CSF: £51.33. SOUTHWELL ES1.33. 4.00:1. TREFAST LAD (Mr P Hacking) 11:10 fav: 2. Kambalda Rambler 4-1; 3. Fifth Amendment 12:1, 7 rap. ½, 25, (M Rob-ers). Tote 12:10; £1.30, £2.90. DF: £5.30. CSF: £5.60.

4.30: 1. JERVAULX (R Dunwoody) 2-1 fav: Silent Cracker 12-1; 3. General Paris-11-2: 14 ran. 2/s, 11. (6 Rectards). Total: 1.70; £2.40, £3.30, £2.50. DF: £41.90. F: £28.64. 5.00: 1 FAIR AND FANCY (A S Smith) 2-1

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TOWCESTER 2.20: 1. THE FLYING DOCTOR (W Mc-Farland) 5-2 fax; 2. Bayerd 7-2; 3. Our Ed-die 3-1.9 rat. 4, %, (G Beiding). Total £5.00; £2.10. £1.80, £1.10. DF: £10.50. CSP: 11.54. NR: Ultimate Warror. 2.50: 1. KHALIDI (G Bradley) 1-3 fav. 2

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4.50: 1. ARDENT LOVE (R Massey) 6-4
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£9.70. Totast: £43.69.
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Place 6: £11.90. Place 5: £9.23.

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2.15: 1. EASTERN LYRIC (6 Duffield) 6-1:
2. Fast Tempo 11-4; 3. Composition 5-4
fav. 9 ran. ½, 1½, U Berryl. Tota: £6.40;
£1.80. £1.60. £1.20. DF: £9.60. CSF.
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2.45: 1. THE GAY FOX (6 Duffield) 10-1:
2. Undercover Agent 13-2; 3. Trading Aces
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3.45: 1. SUDEST (Martin Dwyer) 7-2; 2. Narradi 6-5 fav; 3. City Gambler 5-2; 4 ran. ½, 17. (I Balding). Tota: £4.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £7.61
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4.46: 1. TRICRELIO (G Duffield) 3-1; 2. Sedders' Hope 4-1; 3. Flant Knapper 15-8 fav. 9 ran. 6, 2½. (G Laws). Totas: £3.50; £1.50. F1.50. £1.10. DF: £4.70. CSF: £14.50. NRS: Florille, Ndaba.
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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Pail: 1-3, 2-72, 3-76, 4-95, 5-99, 6-221. Did not bet: "1S A Marsh, M I McCague, D W Headley. Bordling: Boswell 9-1-39-3; Edwards 10-1-53-0; Jones 10-2-29-1; Chiton 5-0-35-0; Rashid 8-0-50-1; House 3-0-14-0. Umptres: J H Harris and N 7 Prews. ESSEX V Somerset CHEMSTORD: Essex won by eight wickets. Benson & Hedges Cup Derbyshire v Worcestershire

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177, 8-194. To bat: N.D. Edmond. Bowling: Gough 10-0-38-3; Savewood 8-0-39-1: White 8-1-40-1: Hardey 10-0-59-0; Stemp 10-0-29-2; Yaughen 4-0-18-1.

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No play yesterday TODAY'S NUMBER

> the number of games lost by Britain during their 3-0 win over ithuania in tennis's Fed Cup esterday. National champior ulie Pullin won her match 6-0, 6-0, as did British No 1. Sam Smith, while Clare Wood and Loma Woodroffe won their doubles match 6-1, 6-1.

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GUY HODGSON reports from Sheffield

Ken Doherty was edging to-wards his first Embassy World Championship last night. Midway through the second day of the final with Stephen Hendry he was leading 15-9 and required only three frames to become the first player from the Republic of Ireland to triumph at the Crucible.

Not even the presence of Naseem Hamed, the boxer who had distracted Darren Morgan in the quarter-finals, could help Hendry. He was dressed in black yesterday, in contrast to the silver coat of his last visit, and the relative anonymity reflect-ed the performance of his friend Hendry. Only in the final two frames of the afternoon session did Hendry's best form suddenly appear like a flash of memory.

Before that this was the player who had won 29 consecutive. He would gladly accept it if he matches at the World Championship in name only. The re-morseless force was sadly absent. At one stage yesterday afternoon Hendry hid his eyes to avoid looking at the damage left from one dreadful break-off and, frankly, there were not many occasions when he would have

been happy to study his work. The six-times champion, who has built up an aura as the player who hardly ever misses, was replaced instead by a battleweary and nervous potter who

ing to happen.
The previous evening, Ion Doyle, the manager of both fi-nalists, had estimated that such was the state of Hendry's play that Doherty would need to find only a little more to win with ease. In the event the challenger, who had never been beyond the world quarter-finals, could not quite lift his play beyond steady excellence but, then, he did not need to.

Midway through the championship John Parrott, the only player to break Hendry's monopoly of the title since 1990, had said it was no coincidence that players who have been having a bad season were doing well here. "They're fresh and relaxed," he said. "They've not arrived here knackered."

No one more so than Doherty, who had a spring to for-"That's been hard to take in," he said. "Quite shattering." could guarantee the form he has shown in this tournament.

The scenes as the players waited to go out had been indicative on the first day of the final. Doherty had joked with a policeman and pulled his tongue out at the television camera, the epitome of relaxation. Conversely, Hendry had been yawning and played like his cue weighed a ton.

Yesterday there were no preplay hints of tiredness from the mpion. He stood leaning



Boiling point: Stephen Hendry feels the pressure as Ken Doherty takes a commanding lead at the Crucible yesterday

against a stair-rail, his eyes staring into the distance, a man needing all the concentration he could muster.

Hendry in that mood is enough to intimidate anyone although Doherty was still riding on the previous day's play when he took 10 of the last 13 frames and his first pot was a double into the centre pocket. It was a

shot to nothing because the cue ball was always heading for the haulk cushion, but nevertheless it demonstrated his confidence.

The first impression was that Doherty would need it all, because Hendry began brightly, taking the first and third frames. Win the next, you could imagine him thinking, and the 11-5 overnight deficit would be re-

duced to four. Instead it was Doherty who reached the first interval with his tail up. Visits of 35 and 46 restored his advantage to six while deflating Hendry as if someone had stuck him with a pin.

His first chance, a long red, was missed by quite a margin and other pots found the jaws times when you lead by the distance that Doherty had you stop to look over your shoulder and lose momentum, but not if your opponent keeps gift-wrapping opportunity after opportunity.

At 15-7 the match was almost over, beyond even Hendry's charge that took him past Jimmy White's 14-8 lead in 1992 for his second title. His pride was still with him, however, and he hit a defiant 137 clearance before finishing the afternoon with the last frame. Even so, a record-breaking seventh modern title looked out of reach.

EMBASSY WORLD CHAMPIONSHEP (Sheffleich Flant: K Doherty (In) leads S Hersty (Sco) 15-9. Frame somes (Doherty flat; 67-75-117 (117 best) 0-105 (105 break) 77-13 78-9 75-51 (89-11 0-122 (122 break) 12-76 89-32 (2-55 57-43 65-13 85-50 47-74 60-28 23-70 71-24 4-110 88-0 95-16 59-45 0-137(137 break) 12-75.

Harvey charges through the rain

Motor racing GWYN DOLPHIN reports from Thruxton

Alain Menu's stranglehold on the British Touring Car Championship finally came to an end here as the former champions Frank Biela and Gabrielé Tarquini each won a race. However, with a stunning drive from loth place to second in yesterday's second race. Tim Harvey was the star of the show.

Wet weather played its part in Harvey's performance. When Biela was pushed out of the sixth round of the series and crashed, causing the pace car to be scrambled, the Peugeot driver made a quick pit stop for grooved tyres. Tarquini, the race leader, and Menu stayed with slick tyres as Harvey

dropped to the tail of the field.
"I had nothing to lose." Harvey said. "The car wasn't great in the dry so the rain was a godsend. By the end I was catching people hand over fist."

On his charge to second, Harvey also collided with John Cleland, sending the Vauxhall driver off the track at the chicane. "He closed the door on me much too early. There was no way I could avoid hitting him after that," Harvey said.

He closed right on to the tail of Tarquini's Honda on the final lap but the Italian, champion in 1994, just held on to win. Tarquini said: "I pushed as hard as possible in the conditions but I vas driving on a knife edge.'

Like the championship eader, Menu, who finished third in each of yesterday's races, Tarquini felt the conditions in the sixth round were too dangerous and that the race should have been stopped. The day's opening event was also run in the wet: ideal conditions for Biela's Audi.

The reigning champion caught the early race leader, Tarquini, and despite pressure from the Italian, held on to win for the first time in 1997. His victory briefly laid to rest claims from the German team that its four-wheel drive cars were unfairly handicapped with a 95kg weight difference over their rivals. Biela's team-mate, John Bintcliffe, was fourth in the day's

opening race.
AUTO TRADER RAC BRITISH TOURING round: 1 F Breis (Audi) 27min 3.695sec (94.02mph); 2 G Tarquini (Honda) +3.535; 3 A Manu (Rensult) +5.926; 4 +3.535; 3 A Manu (Renault) +5.926; 4
J Bintziffe (Audi) +6.973; 5 R Rydel (Volo) +16.535; 6 J Thompson (Honda)
+16.540; 7 D Lesie (Nissan) +23.860;
8 A Reid (Nissan) +26.455; 9 T Harvey
(Peugeot) +43.973; 10 P Radisich (Ford)
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3 Menu +4.449; 4 Reid +6.312; 5 Rydel +13.46; 8 D Menuek (Renault) deli +12.246; 6 D Warwick (Vauxhali) +17.262; 7 J Plato (Renault) +20.797; 8 Bintcliffe +20.922; 9 J Clela 8 Sinicarre + 20.922; 9 J Ciesano (vaur-half) + 25.371; 10 Radisich + 26.129. Chempionship standings: 1 Menu 83pts; 2 Rydel 48; 3 Tarquin 45; 4 Ptato 30; 5 Saela 29; = 6 Bintziffe, Hancey 23; 8 D Leslie 22; 9 Burt 20; 10 Warwick 13.

Gilles Panizzi took command in the Tour of Corsica rally yesterday in his two-wheel drive Peugeot. The reigning French champion was five seconds ahead of his compatriot and team-mate François Delecour in the other Peugeot 306. The Spaniard Carlos Sainz, the only non-Frenchman to have won in the Mediterranean island in the past 10 years, was third, recording the best time in three of the day's six stretches

Rangers kept waiting by Coyle

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ंट इन्नेहर्द असरका green in the For Rangers, the championship champagne remains on ice af-: lannote ter they failed to collect the point that would have given them their ninth successive tia mecond 5. NORI surre tle yesterday. The supporters turned up expecting a party, but the afternoon turned into a wake as Motherwell, who were -cealing a better second from bottom of the Pre-र का का का **अर्थ**

their minds on the job, admitting: "Everyone was assuming we would win, take the title and go home happy. But we showed what can happen if you are not careful and you are not fully up for the game. It was all there for us. We just couldn't take it. -

"People saw a similar situation earlier in the day with Manchester United and Middlesbrough. But we never realthe game like United managed

Smith felt his side never had erwell who made it happen. Owen Coyle scored the first

goal in the seventh minute. sweeping the ball into the net from a centre by Ian Ross. The visitors continued to cause problems for the home side and there could have been more goals before the break for Motherwell. Tommy Coyne headed over,

Andy Dibble, the Rangers goally exerted any pressure late in keeper, pushed out an effort the penalty spot in the 84th side can shake off their letharfrom Shaun McSkimming and

Rangers players expected the win to come but it was Moth-ed against the crossbar, and then Jörg Albertz, whose powerful

shot hit the post. The arrival of Paul Gascoigne at half-time promised more than it delivered, though mostly through the failings of others. Gascoigne played team-mates into the game and came close himself in the 62nd minute but there remained a lack of penetration.

The second goal came from minute after Mickey Weir was

well who had occupied the rel-egation play-off place. If they had played with as much vigour throughout the season, they would have been in a comfortable position but are now level on points with both Hibernian and Kilmarnock, embroiled in a three-cornered dog-fight which will go to the last day.

The Rangers supporters will assemble at Tannadice on Wednesday in the hope their gy to make a date with history.

dallied when Dibble cleared to the supporters filed silently away at the end reflecting no doubt that, for once, their favourites failed to deliver. The dallied when Brian Laudrup who fouled by Ian Durrant, with Coyle sweeping the ball into the corner of the net. If the result was an acute disappointment for Rangers, it provided a lifeline for Mother God by Ian Durrant, with Coyle sweeping the ball into the corner of the net. If the result was an acute disappointment for Rangers, it provided a lifeline for Mother Summing Guess, 20; Coyle Urnot, 72, Coyle. Substitute not used: Matter (Diract, 78), Hateley. Motherwell (4-4-2): Home; May, Van der Gang, Marth, Ross; Weit, Velatien, McCost, 78), Hateley. Summing Guess, 20; Coyle Urnot, 72, Coyle. Substitute not used: Park Velaties, McCost, 78, Hateley. Motherwell (4-4-2): Home; May, Van der Gang, Marth, Ross; Weit, Velatien, McCost, 78, Hateley. Motherwell (4-4-2): Home; May, Van der Gang, Marth, Ross; Weit, Velatien, McCost, 78, Hateley. Motherwell (4-4-2): Home; May, Van der Gang, Marth, Ross; Weit, Velatien, McCost, 78, Hateley. Substitute of the net. Stemming Guess, 20; Coyle Sweeping the ball into the corner of the net. If the result was an acute disappointment for Rangers, it provided a lifeline for Mother Stemming Guess, 20; Coyle Sweeping the ball into the corner of the net. Stemming Guess, 20; Coyle Sweeping the ball into the corner of the net. Matter (Direct Advance) Ma which has been missing from their game this season. Dalglish tells Beardsley he can play on

player, but has told the 36-yearold club captain not to expect to be involved in every game.

mier Division, played with a confidence, skill and passion

Beardsley has not started a Cup defeat in Monaco in

March. Dalglish said: "Peter asked to play as a player for Newcastle. I told him he had but that he does decide his playing days he would perhaps not be used are over, it is thought that a

got to tell him to stop playing?" Beardsley has another year to run on his contract and has me recently if he still had a part made it clear he would like to give us."

complete it as a player. When

Kenny Dalglish has assured as often as he would like. I'm coaching job will be available to Peter Beardsley he still has a fuccertainly not going to tell him him at the club.

spect of everyone at this club, kids on occasions and if he wantincluding me. There's no one ed to help in any shape or more aware of what he's form in that direction then it was game for Newcastle since he was achieved in the game at this club up to him," Dalglish added. "I substituted during the Uefa than me and what right have I told him we would use him but not abuse him. He's here to help us. He has vast experience and we will accept any help he can

Mick McCarthy is prepared to call up Macclesfield's Chris Byrne for the Republic of Ireearned Macclesfield promo-

tion to the Football League. McCarthy was impressed enough by Byrne to request pa-perwork that proves the 21-yearold is eligible.

George Parris, the former West Ham midfielder, is among five players being released by Brighton after their escape from relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference. Parris,

land's World Cup squad. Mc-Carthy saw the midfielder score will go on a free transfer along will go on a free transfer along ture as a Newcastle United to pack in playing.

"I have told him if he wantnlaver, but has told the 36-year"Peter Beardsley has the reed he could go in and help the Kettering on Saturday that fender Kevin McGarrigle and midfielders Mark Fox and James Virgo. Brighton want a fee for the midfielder Jason Peake, who is on the transfer list

at his own request. David Lee and Scott Green are set to leave Bolton before they start next season in the Premier League. Lee, a winger, is wanted by Burnley and the versanle Green is in talks with Preston about a £300,000 move.

Seles condemns the pushy parents

Tennis

Monica Seles returned to the Italian Open women's tennis tournament for the first time in five years yesterday with sharp words for pushy parents and child prodigies. The American, who won in Rome as a 16-yearold Yugoslavian newcomer in 1990, when she beat Martin Navratilova, discussed her younger rivals and their parents at a news conference on the first

teenage sensation said when new generation of youngsters, led by Switzerland's 16-year-old world No 1, Martina Hingis.

"What I don't like is parents putting their children on a tennis court as soon as they are born and forcing them to like tennis," said Seles, who at 17 had been the youngest world No 1 in history before Hingis "Sixteen-year-old kids just

that's what they should do," she said. However she admitted that she regretted rebelling against her own parents as a teenager and, asked if there was one thing she would change if she could be 16 again, jokingly replied "certainly the stabbing".

Seles described Hingis as clearly the best emerging player - although most might say that someone who has already earned the top ranking has already emerged. Hingis was to have been the top women's seed at the Foro Italico this year but she pulled out last month after injuring herself in a horse

riding accident. The world No 2 Steffi Graf is also absent from the Italian Open, leaving the third-ranked Seles as the clear favourite in day of play.

The learned not to expect had overcome a recent injury and had been training for two much from kids," the former and had been training for two weeks, was given a bye into the asked how she felt about the second round and faces the winner of the match between Czech qualifier Sandra Kleinova and Austria's Barbara Schett.

Andre Agassi angered officials yesterday by pulling out of the German Open a day before he was due to play his first-round match. The recentlymarried Agassi, due to meet Germany's Daniel Elsner in the opening round, said in a short faxed message to the Aswant to have fun and I think sociation of Tennis Professionals that he was pulling out due to a recurrent wrist injury.

German officials were annoyed both at the short notice of the withdrawal and by the fact that Agassi's message was not sent directly to them in Hamburg but to the ATP in Florida. | in a Ford Escort.

Athletics Athletics
Diane Modahl won the women's 800 metres in a meet record of 2min 3.16sec, at the Mito International Track and Field Meet in Japan, breaking the previous mark of 2:05.90 set by Lydmila Vasilieva in 1995. The American Arny Wickus was second in 2:03.74 and Kurniko Okamoto, of Japan, third in 2:05.74.

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SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS: 80

Phil Blackmar, from Texas, had a birdle at the first hole of a sudden-death play-off with Kevin Sutherland on Sunday to at the lifts roue of a subcent-beaut payroff with Kevin Sufferland on Surriday to win the 50th Houston Open and end nine years on the PGA four without a title. Houston OPEN (the Woodinands, Texna) Leading final scores (US unless soled): 278-P Backmar 88 71 67 fc, K Sutherland 68 72 68 70, 278-H Sutton 68 72 71 68; S Hoen 73 66 68 70; J Kelly 70 68 69 72, 281, Warlists 73 70 71, 67, 2821, Revier 72 69 71, 70; N Henite 73 19 68 70; D Ogin 69 68 74 71; J Morse 69 72 70; J C Parry Vusy 71 66 73 73. 283 F First 69 72 70 72; C Parry Vusy 71 66 73 73. 285 71 72 69 72; D Ogin 65 71, 72 73 72. 284 S McCarron 72 74 68 70; J Leonard 71 72 69 72; D Ogin 65 71 73 73. 285 71 ftb 71 73 70 71; B Gelberger 72 69 69 75; D Sutherland 69 72 73 73, 288 P University (Pusy 72 74 71, 290 V Singh (Fig) 71, 73, 71, 77, 286 R Alsecon (Mes) 76 70 82 70.

Hockey

Andrew Webber scored a solendid hatrick as Kingston Grammar School overcame a 3-1 deficit, at one stage being reduced to eight men, to win the RAF Careers Under-18 Youth Cup 5-3,

RAF Careers Linder-18 Youth Cup 5-3, at Milton Keynes yesterday.

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Rugby League

Widnes Vikings have completed the sign-ing of Steve Hampson, the 35-year-old former Great Britain full-back released by Saltord Reds in the close season. Hampson, formerly of Wigan, had a spell as player-coach with the French club Carnes after leaving Salford before mov-ing to Treorchy, the Weish rugby union club.

Steve Wagner the Featherstone chairmen, is to join the Rugby Footbal League's board of directors. He had initially been nominated by the Association of First and Second Division Clubs to be their representative, but was turned down by the Board who subsequently came under pressure to reconsider the matter. : SUPER LEAGUE 10th round: Camberra Raiders 22 Cronulia Sharks 8.

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Jane Martin produced a memorable 9-7, 4-9, 9-6, 10-8, victory over Sue Wright, the British national champion, to win the Santa Barbara Spring Classic in the United States. The 24-year-old from Newcastle also beat Liz Irving, the Australian world No 5 6-9, 9-0, 9-7, 9-6, in the semi-final before scoring her first World Tour victory over Whight and her first title win since the Osterberg Cup in Germany back in 1994.

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Tim Henman, the British No 1, remains

in 16th place in the world rankings de-spite being inactive for several weeks following his elbow operation. Henman. who hopes to resume playing at the Italian Open in Rome next week (12-16 May), needs to stay in the top 16 to ensure a seeding for Wimbledon. Greg Rusedski, recovering from a wrist injury, has dropped one place to 41 but, like Herman, is hopeful of competing in

Rome.
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Ball boys

The day's Benson and Hedges cricket action, page 22

BATTLE FOR THE PREMIERSHIP: No singing in the rain for champions as Brazilian playmaker inspires Bora

Solskjaer keeps United on course

PHIL SHAW

Manchester United Middlesbrough

Manchester United remain on course to retain the title, although when Middlesbrough swept into a 3-1 lead in an Old Trafford epic yesterday the 55,000 crowd were clinging to the reign rather than singing in

Demonstrating that they are a team for all seasons, United retrieved a two-goal deficit on a pitch which often resembled a lake, exactly as they had done in searing heat at Leicester 48 hours earlier. But Middlesbrough, despite losing Fabrizio Ravanelli to a torn hamstring that makes him doubtful for the FA Cup final, refused to relinquish a vital point towards their struggle against relegation.
United will be crowned

champions for the fourth time in five seasons if both Newcastle and Liverpool lose in Lon-don tonight. Even if both their rivals keep up the pursuit, they have two further opportunities to secure the victory that would enable them to take the trophy in front of their own fans for the first time since 1965: against Newcastle on Thursday and West Ham on Sunday.

Middlesbrough must also cram in two fixtures, at Blackburn and Leeds, and might need to win both to survive. Without the 31-goal Italian, it will be a tall order, yet to judge by this performance they may have just enough fire to overcome the inevitable fatigue.

If anything, United showed greater signs of strain. For much of the first half, a Middlesbrough side inspired by the genius of Juninho exposed an uncertainty at the heart of Alex Ferguson's defence which should encourage Messrs Hartson and Kitson, let alone Shearer and Ferdinand. "The worst we've defended in six years," the United manager complained.

ACROSS

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Strike one: Gary Neville drills home his first senior goal for Manchester United during yesterday's 3-3 home draw with Middlesbrough

build-up of 18 passes, which took them from the left-back

position to the inside-right

channel and then left again, Jun-

inho was involved on five oc-

casions. The Brazilian's last

touch, after Craig Hignett spot-

A year to the day after re- the match, but Boro initially gaining the championship by overcoming Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium, United found Bryan Robson's team more resilient on his return to the theatre of dreams. It was more like a theatre of streams. with so much rain falling during

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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time (4)

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28 Food at rear of boat going to

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5 Entanglement in which one is

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13 It could stretch from New York to West London (5)
14 One's turn to go in
1 One on stage about to go over to right (5)
2 They retain the heat; it eases

25 Spa town's dull item for those 8

having taken the waters? (4,3)

made light of both the conditions and their parlous position to drive forward with a purpose that belied their draining schedule.

Ravanelli had already shaken Peter Schmeichel's left-band upright before they took the lead with a sumptuous goal af-

Rich spent recklessly?

This could make things tight (9)
9 Might one get sound cal-

14 Notice island with an edge

on the up-and-up? It's choice (9)

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hard hat will be ruined by

16 To perform ceremonies

18 It's pretty well a certainty

19 Cut off city speakers on

Spain (7)
22 Put off side terrifying in-

24 Woman has space to show

brilliance (5)

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bodies? (6,8)

place (9)

culating advice from these

ted him overlapping, was to angle the ball beyond the goal-keeper for his 14th goal of the A flurry of four goals in eight minutes took both teams through the gamut of emotions. Middlesbrough were probably distracted by the melodrama of Ravanelli's injury when their

> Andy Cole, spinning sharply near the penalty spot, saw his shot blocked by Gianluca Festa. But the ball broke to Roy Keane. who drilled in only his second goal of the campaign. Only then did Ravanelli hobble off clutching his thigh. Yet within five minutes, Boro

were two goals to the good, having again shown what a fine side they can be going forward. Juninho launched the move which restored their advantage, contemptuously skipping past Gary Neville before seeking out Chris Freestone. With his first touch

who bludgeoned a first-time Ben Roberts, Cole and the ter 15 minutes. In a patient shot home off the underside of

United were still trying to take in their plight when it deepened. Another sweet exchange of passes, again involving Freestone, saw Robbie

Mustoe surging into the box on the right flank. Nominally his team's token defensive midfielder, Mustoe delivered a textbook cross which Hignett headed home after stealing in front of Gary Neville.

Despite conceding three did not restore parity until the goals for the second Premier-67th minute. ship home game in succession, United's reaction was typically

to cross, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer tona worked the ball wide for materialised unmarked to head Gary Neville to bullet a diagohis 18th goal of a remarkable nal drive past the keeper for his first senior goal. first season. The drama would have been

For most of the second half, Middlesbrough were pushed

strangely ineffectual Eric Can-

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back. Juninho began to show that he was mortal after all, performing in fits and starts where previously he had been poetry in motion. However, United also found the going heavy, both literally and mentally, and

Manchester Umited (4-3-1-2): Schmeidheit G Neville, May, Pallister, hwin; Beckham, Johnsen (Scholes, 73), Keane; Carmons Sol-siquer, Cole. Substituties not used: P Neville, McCair, Poborsig, Van der Gouw (git) Nigel Pearson and his fellow defenders had dealt admirably,

may miss

Fabrizio Ravanelli is likely to iss the FA Cup final because of the injury he suffered in yes-terday's match, his manager, Bryan Robson, said afterwards. "Fabrizio has torn a hamstring

and is very doubtful for the last two League games and FA Cup final," Robson said: "We'll know more tomorrow. This is precisely why we complain about the number of games we are forced to play close together. We have always said players are going to be injured.

Robson added: "I thought the turning point was the second goal which we gave away too quickly after going 3-1 up. But it's still a vital point for us. It brings us closer to those above us and if we win a game then we will go level on points with them and then our better goal difference comes into play. Alex Ferguson, the Manches-

ter United manager, was glowing in his praise for Middlesbrough's Juninho, but castigated his defence for another slipshod display. "Juninho was the best player on the pitch, absolutely magnificent I find it amazing he was overlooked when they gave out the players of the year awards,"

Ferguson said.
"I will give credit to the team for fighting back, there is no doubting our character and determination. But I have to say the defending today has been ternble. It has been in quite a few games recently which has given teams a breather and a lifeline.

"Three against Derby, two at Leicester - we've conceded 23 goals against the bottom seven teams. You don't win games if you defend as bad as that. We can put our finger on some things that are going wrong and we will try to sort it. When you score three goals at home you should win. It was bad defending and we will try to correct that for Newcastle.

which would have produced a But credit to the players they kept going, their stitude and determination was won-Middlesbrough thus left Old derful. When you look at Sat-Trafford having played a full part urday and again today, there's in a six-goal spectacular, less something there that tells you we're hard to beat, even if we than a month after sharing an are giving goals away. We were identical scoreline with Chesterunlucky not to win in the end."

field at the same venue. On that The Boro captain, Nigel Pearson, said: "It's great to get occasion they went on to succeed at the second attempt. Neutrals a point but I hope we don't live may now be hoping for a simito rue the fact we were 3-1 ap. With four games in eight days tee the continued presence of we would have settled for a point beforehand, but we're still in with a chance. We possibly need to win both our remaining matches now and it will be tough at Blackburn and Leeds, but the players showed today they can meet the chal-

Middlesbrough (4-4-1-1): Roberts; Fleming, Pearson, Festa, Blackmore; Stamp, Mustoe, Emerson (Vinder, 87), Hignett (Vickers, 75): Junioho: Ravanelli (Freestone, 36), Subatipositive. Three minutes before half-time, with white-shirted of crosses by David Beckham of the game, Ravanelli's re-Juninho: Ravanelli (Freestone tutes not used: Cox, Whyte. placement played in Emerson, defenders massing in front of which dipped out of the slate **Everton focus on Bayer coach** 23 Apparel in game's protecting 7 Routine could make doctor unwell (5)

Christoph Daum, a leading German coach, has emerged as a surprise candidate to become the new manager of Everton. Daum has helped Bayer Leverkusen contest the Bundesliga title race with Bayern Munich and German sources revealed that he has been in contact with Peter Johnson, the Everton chairman.

Daum is regarded as one of Germany's finest coaches and has previously won the championship with Stuttgart and, significantly, he is on good

terms with Jürgen Klinsmann, the world class striker who is unsettled at Bayern Munich.

Johnson is keen to recruit Klinsmann and the possibility of is expected to meet Klinsmann today. Everton are interested in offering him a lucrative contract to move to Merseyside, even though there is no indication who would be managing Everton next season.

Fabio Capello at Real Madrid along with Jupp Heynckes, who is at Tenerife. Everton will have Daum arriving to work with him is gathering credibility. Johnson to secure his services to secure his services.

Johnson was at one stage also refusing to rule out the possibility of the Barcelona coach, Bobby Robson, taking charge. However, Robson has tied himself to the Nou Camp for the remaining year of his contract, and

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Daum has also been men- a subsequent Everton state- has been confirmed after the tioned as a possible successor to ment accepted this. A Goodison spokesman said: "Mr Robson has informed us he is not available. He has decided he is staying at Barcelona to see out

grey sky like shells. But when Gary Neville ploughed forward

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awarded a penalty after Denis

Irwin fell under a challenge

from Phil Stamp with five min-utes remaining. The only doubt

appeared to centre on whether

it was a foul or obstruction.

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Juninho in the English game.

neither offence.

the final year of his contract." Johnson said: "Bobby is one of four men we are interested in. We cannot say or do anything until he is released from his contract by Barcelona."

Hereford's relegation into the GM Vauxhall Conference League's bottom side were briefly given hope of a teprieve. The Football League are expected to discuss recommen-

dations to invite 16 Conference clubs into a regionalised Third Division, which could have included Hereford But a League spokesman said yesterday that nothing would be decided in time for the coming season. Hereford's fate was sealed on

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Saturday, when they could only draw 1-1 with Brighton. They will be replaced in the Third Division by Macclesfield, the Conference winners.

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